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Huge ASDA development now in pipeline – as MORRISONS plan lodged and Sainsbury's hits a snag with council

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A HUGE development including an Asda supermarket has been proposed for land towards the end of Newmarket High Street.

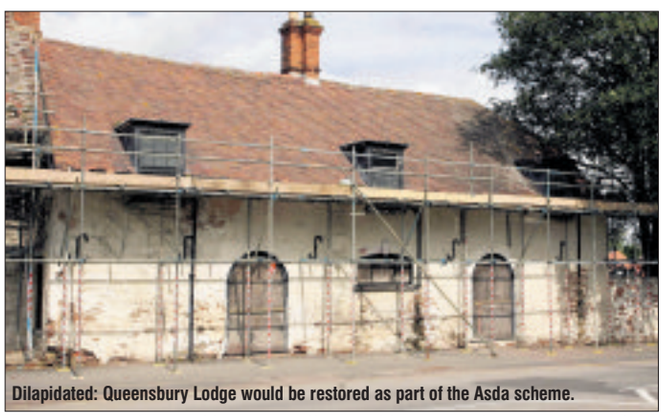
The Unex Group proposals encompass the Queensbury Lodge, the old swimming pool site and land backing onto Rowley Drive.

It comes as plans were submitted for a Morrisons store on the old gasworks site in Exning Road, while there are also plans for a new Sainsbury's – although the bid was dealt a blow this week when the town council opposed the scheme.

The latest proposed development features a 40,000sq ft Asda supermarket, car parking for about 400 vehicles, a bar or restaurant, retail space and an 80- or 90-bedroom hotel.

A new roundabout at the entrance of the development from the High Street is also envisaged as part of the scheme.

Queensbury Lodge and the nearby cottage, which are both listed buildings, would be restored as part of the scheme and have been earmarked for retail use.



Dilapidated: Queensbury Lodge would be restored as part of the Asda scheme.

Speaking to the *Weekly News*, Bill Gredley, founder chairman of the Unex Group, said: "With a following wind, we would hope to see that in two years' time it would all be up and running and people would be shopping and singing and dancing staying in bedrooms.

"We have got a tight programme. We don't have to finance it, it's all financed [by the Unex Group] and in two years' time you may see a different Newmarket."

The group believes the development would improve the appearance of the gateway to the town, the car parking provision would draw visitors into the town centre and the development would help the High Street.

But a spokesman for the Newmarket Horsemen's Group, which includes the Jockey Club Estates, Tattersalls, Darley and others, said: "The Newmarket Horsemen's Group (NHG) is keen for the long-running saga of Queensbury Lodge to be resolved and for the High Street in Newmarket to flourish.

"However, it must be recognised that the site on which Unex proposes to build a large supermarket, hotel, restaurant etc mostly consists of a historic racing yard and paddock land, covered by the saved racing policies which have helped protect both the economy and unique character of the town for many years. Over the last decade there have been opportunities for this site to be returned to racing industry use which the owners have chosen to frustrate.

"NHG met with Unex before Christmas and explored with them what we consider to be a very fair compromise. Regrettably, the plan outlined to the town council on Monday night failed to take into account most of our suggestions and concerns."

But Mr Gredley, who attended the Newmarket Town Council meeting with Stephen Walsh of the Unex Group, said the problems would be overcome with mitigation measures such as the construction of a new start-up stable on the site or elsewhere.

A planning application is expected to be submitted within the next six to eight weeks. However, a spokesman for Asda was tight-lipped about the plans. He said: "We are continuing to look at a number of opportunities in Newmarket following the recent conversion of the former Netto store on the Studland retail park to an ASDA supermarket."

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'Stay positive' message as another shop closes

Delicatessen leaves Sun Lane base

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A DELICATESSEN has vacated its shop in Newmarket – but the town's retailers' association is urging people to think positive.

A handwritten note on the door of the Newmarket Delicatessen, which opened at 3 Sun Lane in December 2010, reads: "We would love to thank all our customers for their kind support. We have now chosen to focus on our external markets exclusively. For our regular customers, we will be in touch with you shortly. Wishing you all a happy New Year."

A spokeswoman for the Newmarket Retailers' Association said it was important to think positive because a negative outlook would only make the situation worse and while some shops will go this year, others are coming, such as Cheryl Brighty's Artistry in Cocoa chocolate shop.

The spokeswoman said: "We are going into a bad year. It's a bad year because people have got a mindset of disaster and the economy being bad, but if you start going 'oh dear' and shaking your head it's going to be worse.

"We have just got to look on the positive and say as long as we can survive this year we can come out winning. Some businesses will go but some are coming.

"I am sure there will be somebody else who will come up with an idea to fill the deli shop. I think Sun Lane is a vibrant little area and we are going to make it more so."

She said the number of empty shops in Newmarket was well below the national average.

Speaking of the retailers' Strictly Come Newmarket competition, she said: "With the *Dragons' Den* issues it promoted a good vibe for the Guineas centre; it's never stopped buzzing since that happened."

Last week, the *Weekly News* reported Monkerillas, a children's clothing and craft shop in Old Station Road which was a runner-up in the retailers' association's competition to fill the town's empty shops, had closed its doors.

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Good cause: Bia Phoneam, the owner of the Sangdao Thai Restaurant in Newmarket, is hosting a fundraising night to help victims of floods in Thailand. Picture: Keith Jones 795742.

'We must keep helping flood victims'

A RESTAURANT in Newmarket is set on raising thousands of pounds for victims of flooding in Thailand.

Sangdao Thai Restaurant will be hosting a buffet on Sunday, January 22 to help the millions of people affected by months of flooding which began in the country in July.

Bia Phoneam, the owner of the High Street restaurant, said: "A lot of people are affected by this national disaster. Even though in a lot of areas in Thailand the water level has reduced, the mess is still there. We cannot stop just yet, we have to keep up with the help. A lot of people lost everything."

He hopes to raise between £2,000 and £3,000 to send to Thailand through holding the event, which will feature Thai dancing.

Mr Phoneam said: "They wear traditional dress in gold and red colours; it's really hard to describe because it's really different from normal dancing.

"I think the best way for you to find out what it's like is to look it up on YouTube!"

The event will be taking place between 5.30pm and 9.30pm. Tickets for the food and entertainment cost £20 and can be bought from the restaurant.

For more information, call Sangdao Thai Restaurant on (01638) 660646.

No need to chop up Christmas trees

RECYCLE your real Christmas tree without having to brandish the secateurs.

Trees can be dropped off at the Newmarket Open Door Community Reuse and Recycling Centre in Depot Road for a £1 fee.

Residents of East Cambridgeshire can leave their trees next to their brown sacks on recycling days for collection by the green waste crew.

Dave White, waste strategy team leader at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "It is always sad when Christmas comes to an end as we all pack away our decorations for another year. This January we are reminding residents they can recycle their real Christmas trees by leaving it out for collection when their recycling is collected and it will be taken to be turned into compost.

"People don't have to worry about chopping up their tree to fit it in the brown sacks. Alternatively, you can take your real tree to the Witchford recycling Centre where it can be placed in the green waste."

Phone East Cambridgeshire District Council (01353) 665555 or visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

Thieves hit three cars

THREE vehicles were targeted by thieves in one night in Mildenhall. Valuables including a sat-nav and a radio facia were taken from the vehicles in Heathland Way, Melbourne Drive and Miles Hall Way between 9.30pm on Thursday, January 5 and 8am the next day.

Three young men in dark clothing were seen searching a car in Heathland Way at about 11.20pm. They fled in the direction of Cypress Close after being disturbed by a neighbour.

The vehicles were left insecure in at least two of the incidents and police have urged people to make sure they leave their cars locked.

PC James Greenhalf of the Mildenhall Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) said: "We're conducting investigations on all three incidents and offenders will be dealt with robustly.

"It is very important to make sure you've locked all of your car doors as well as leaving nothing on display. Ideally, it's best not to leave anything in your car at all in order to make life impossible for any opportunist criminals."

Call Mildenhall SNT on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on (0800) 555111 if you saw anything suspicious.

Man freed after crash

A MAN was trapped in his car after a crash in Mildenhall last Thursday morning.

Fire crews from Newmarket, Bury St Edmunds and Mildenhall attended the scene, alongside police just after 6.30am on Thetford Road, in Mildenhall, just south to the junction with the A1065.

Crews arrived to find a collision involving two cars, a BMW and a Mercedes.

The male driver of the BMW was trapped inside his car, but was quickly released by the fire crews.

There were no reported injuries and the road was temporarily closed.

BMW tyres are slashed

ALL four tyres on a BMW in Beck Row were slashed.

The damage to the blue car in Falcon Way took place between 9.30pm on Tuesday, January 3 and noon the following day.

Call Sgt Christian Chisnall at the Brandon Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on (0800) 555111 with any information.

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Recruitment starts for councils' joint chief executive

TWO councils are have begun the recruitment process of a new chief executive officer who will lead both authorities.

Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council recently agreed to unify their staffing structure under the management of a joint chief executive, who will earn between £105,000 and £115,000 a year. It was part of a packages of measures aimed to save £2m a year.

The move follows controversy over former Suffolk County Council chief executive Andrea Hill, who was criticised for earning a salary of £219,000 – more than the Prime Minister – and resigned from her post last year. Her job is now filled by Deborah Cadman, former chief executive of St Edmundsbury Borough Council, who left Suffolk in 2008 to become chief executive of the East of England Development Agency.

St Edmudsbury's current chief executive, Geoff Rivers, is the husband of Deborah Cadman and Forest Heath Council's current chief executive is David Burnip.

The recruitment process started this week for a joint chief executive for the two councils. A shared senior management team will follow.

The recruitment process is open to each council's current chief executive, as well as other internal and external candidates. The annual salary has been agreed by both councils as somewhere between £105,000 and £115,000.

The two council leaders, Cllr John Griffiths (St Edmundsbury) and Cllr James Waters (Forest Heath) said: "Between us, we will be much stronger working together but this job is more than simply joining up two councils – it is an exciting opportunity to shape the future. We are looking for someone who can cut through the usual public sector tangles and create innovative partnerships to deliver services which reflect the current economic climate and demands."

The job description, person specification, terms and conditions and other job details are available on both councils' websites: *www.forest-heath.gov.uk/chiefexecutive* and *www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/chiefexecutive*.

Woman, 21, reports attack

A 21-year-old woman has reported that she was sexually assaulted at a car park in Newmarket in the early hours of Sunday.

The woman had been out with friends in the town and left them to collect some things from her vehicle which she had left in a car park in Queensbury Road.

She told police she had walked back to her car with a man and the attack took place when the pair reached the vehicle.

She described the man who assaulted her as having dark hair, dark eyes and wearing a light coloured top.

The incident is believed to have taken place between 2.30am and 4.15am.

Call DC Jacquelin Mumford at Bury St Edmunds CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on (0800) 555111 with any information.

Converters are stolen

CATALYTIC converters have been stolen from two minibuses parked in a Newmarket road.

The thefts from the two Peugeot Boxer vehicles left in Exning Road took place between 4.30pm on Friday, January 6 and 8am on Monday.

Call Newmarket Police with the reference NE/12/55 on 101 if you can help.

Crew called to shed fire

FIREFIGHTERS tackled a shed fire in Newmarket on Monday.

The crew was called to the blaze in All Saints Road at 3.16pm and the team had succeeded in extinguishing the flames by 3.39pm.

32 knives handed over

MORE than 6.000 knives were binned during the year-long Bin a Blade campaign in Suffolk.

Finals totals from the campaign showed that there were 32 knives handed over in Newmarket, 161 in Haverhill,145 in Mildenhall and 1,029 in Bury St Edmunds.

Specsavers' triple boost

A NEWMARKET optician and its customers have raised more than £300 for three charities in a month.

Specsavers in the Guineas Shopping Centre donated £1 from each sight test it carried out during December to East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH), Racing Welfare or Guide Dogs.

Verdict due on waste fuel plant

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Fuel plant plans are 'a world first'

Flashback: the *Weekly News* front page of December 15, 2011.

A CRUNCH decision on whether machinery designed to transform stable waste into biomass fuel and fertiliser can be built in Newmarket was expected yesterday.

Suffolk County Council was set to make the decision on the proposal for Jockey Club Land at Southfield Farm in Hamilton Road, which had been lodged by GGEco Solutions.

The plant would be able to process 5,000 tonnes of the waste a year, a fifth of the waste produced by the 80 training yards in the town.

If approved, the company hopes to begin building in late spring and would hope to have site up and running in the summer.

Newmarket Town Council's development and planning committee threw its support behind the proposals at its meeting on Monday.

William Gittus, managing director of the Jockey Club Estates, said: "I am sure that the applicants, GG Eco Solutions, will be thrilled that Newmarket Town Council planning committee saw fit to give their unanimous support the application on Monday's meeting.

"I believe that the scheme has economic and environ-mental benefits for the racing industry and the town and look forward to seeing it in action should planning permission be granted by Suffolk County Council."

Town councillors vote against Sainsbury's

Store: how the Sainsbury's site could look.

PLANS to develop the George Lambton playing fields site have been opposed by Newmarket Town Council's planning committee.

The council's development and planning committee voted against both the application concerning the construction of a Sainsbury's superstore and other facilities at the site off Fordham Road, and the bid to develop sports facilities at Newmarket College at its meeting on Monday.

The council's reasons will be formally worded and put to the full council at the end of the month, but they revolve around the grounds of the loss of community space, concerns about traffic and the need to keep Newmarket a racing area.

Speaking at the meeting on Monday, Cllr Keith Bovill, Newmarket's mayor, said: "I think I would support the development and the improvements to the college playing fields, I don't think we have any issue with that, but I'm concerned about the loss of open space the Sainsbury's would create."

But others were also concerned about the restriction of use of land at Newmarket College which is currently treated as public space.

Speaking after the meeting, Cllr Joy Uney said: "Both are taking away what is publically used ground."

If the bid is approved, two pitches lost on the George Lambton playing fields site would be replaced by two football pitches and a floodlit five-a-side pitch and changing facilities at Newmarket College before the Sainsbury's store would be allowed to open.

Cllr Uney said: "It's not like-for-like because it is not accessible ground to the general public, it's not open space, it's structured sports facilities which would be operated with limited access to the public."

Homes would be built on the remainder of the George Lambton playing fields as part of the final phase of development, which would also see a further 10 pitches constructed elsewhere in Newmarket, restoring the 5.2 hectares (12.8 acres) of informal open space lost in the first phase of the development.

The applications will both go before Forest Heath District Council for a decision at a later date.

George Lambton, the owner of the land, said people would still be able to use the Newmarket College land for informal recreation in much the same way as before, other than when facilities were in use by the college or the community for formal recreation.

He said: "All we are trying to do is to create a better balance between school use, community formal recreation and informal walking and currently, at the moment, the balance is very much in favour of informal walkers."

He added his was the only scheme in the pipeline which was capable of generating sufficient funds to bring a cinema to Newmarket.

Morrisons submits plan for gasworks

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PLANS have been submitted for a 4,653sq m Morrisons foodstore on the old gasworks site in Exning Road, Newmarket.

The proposals put forward by Simons Developments and Morrisons would see around 300 full- and part-time jobs created in the town, including skilled positions for some of those dealing with the fish and meat counters and working in the bakery.

A new roundabout designed to let people enter and exit the car park more easily and improve the flow of traffic in Exning Road forms part of the proposals.

The partners are also proposing a crossing for pedestrians and cyclists and improvements to the road's two existing bus stops.

Simons Developments and Morrisons state on a website about the proposals that they believe the development's traffic impact would be "minimal" based on their traffic survey, which included figures collected on racedays.

It reads: "Based on our survey information we are confident there will be minimal impact from new traffic to the foodstore.

"A large proportion of costumers (sic) are likely to either already travel past the site and will, for example, call in on their way home from work, or transfer their existing journey to the new store as it is more convenient."

Existing buildings on the site on the edge of the town centre would be demolished and a 235-space car park built.

Graeme Cosgrove, director of development at Simons, said: "We are pleased to submit our planning application.

"We believe the old gasworks site is the ideal location for a new foodstore as it will revitalise a site that has been disused for decades.

"We would like to thank all those in Newmarket who took part in our consultation and we are delighted to have received such positive feedback".

If the plans are approved, work would have to be carried out to clean up the site, which was previously used by the National Grid, and the companies putting forward the proposals estimate the work would take three months while they expect building work to take 14 months.

Local Dialogue, the firm hired to oversee the public consultation process, wrote to Newmarket Town Council in the summer to tell it about the forthcoming consultation and a public exhibition of plans for the site were put on display at Newmarket Leisure Centre in July.

To have your say on the planning application, visit *www.forest-heath.gov.uk*.

To view the website on the development proposals, visit *www.exningroad-consultation.com/index.html*.

Hospital visit led to rape claims

ALLEGATIONS of a series of rapes emerged when a Newmarket woman was taken to hospital with serious leg and arm injuries, a jury has heard.

The woman had suffered a double fracture to her ankle, a broken arm and a cut to her head after allegedly being pushed down a flight of stairs by John Barclay, 57, Ipswich Crown Court heard on Tuesday.

After being interviewed about her injuries, the woman told police that Barclay was also allegedly responsible for raping her.

Steven Dyble, prosecuting, said the allegations had resulted in Barclay's arrest in Newmarket.

Barclay, who lives in Newmarket but has been staying at an address in Dorset pending his trial, has pleaded not guilty to six allegations of rape.

He has also denied assaulting the woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, during the early hours of New Year's Day last year.

Mr Dyble told the jury the injuries suffered by the woman when she was allegedly pushed down stairs had resulted in her undergoing surgery to have metal plates inserted in her ankle.

He said medical staff had alerted police after the woman was admitted to hospital because of concerns about the seriousness of her injuries.

Following his arrest, Barclay, a pipe layer, was interviewed by police and repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

■ The trial continues.

Community focus: printer Julie Powell, seated, and, from left Christine Rawlinson, of Newmarket Lions, and Glenda Walker, printer Mark Goodhew, chair of trustees Mary Hammond and manager Sue Anderson.
Picture: Richard Patterson 796377.

Smile please – you've got a new printer

A SOCIAL training enterprise has raised £1,600 for a machine to restore a valued village service.

Burwell Community Print Centre bought an instant digital photo printing machine after collections at Fordham's car boot sales, an £800 donation from the Newmarket Lions and £160 from the village parish council.

The funds paid for staff training and the machine, which can print pictures from memory cards and sticks. An on-site photographer can also take snaps for passports and bus passes, which can be printed by the machine.

Sue Anderson, manager of Burwell Print, said: "We had had several requests over the last 18 months from our current customers for photographs printed on proper photographic paper, and also the local chemist took their passport and bus ID photo printing service out of action. The two things prompted us to start fundraising for it."

The centre helps 23 adults with learning disabilities for supported work experience and training placements. Sue said the additional service meant many of the people could be trained in areas such as customer service and handling cash, and said their time at the centre gave them a range of transferrable skills.

She said: "They feel valued – they feel part of an organisation, part of a community resource. It does no end for their confidence and for a range of skills like working in a team and working independently."

She added the service will also help counter discrimination against people with learning disabilities as people will visit the centre for the service.

Christine Rawlinson, of the Newmarket Lions, said: "You can go to Tesco and have your passport photo taken and it goes into the huge multinational pot, but you can go locally to a local charity pot that will do the same service. It's just a nicer and more local way of keeping these guys in work ."

She added: "We have helped them over a few years now because it's something we really do like to support. "

Call Burwell Print on (01638) 613102 or visit *www.burwellprint.co.uk* for more information.

Coal tar removal to close roads

THREE Newmarket roads are to be closed next month while specialist work to recycle their surface takes place.

The presence of coal tar in parts of Exning Road, All Saints Road and Warrington Street means the disposal of waste following a conventional resurfacing would cost 10 times more.

Work on Exning Road, between St Philips Road and Studlands Park Avenue, will last for 16 days from February 9.

All Saints Road will be closed between Vicarage Road and Palace Street from February 6 and 13, while the full stretch of Warrington Street will be closed from February 2 until February 9. All closure dates are dependent on the weather.

The roads will remain closed from 7am until 8pm each day, with workers on site to help people who need access to their homes or workplaces.

The machinery used will crush at least the top 200mm of the surface and cement will be injected in to strengthen it and dilute the tar, which is not classed as hazardous unless it is taken to a tip.

Matt Watkins, surface treatments engineer at Suffolk County Council, said people would not be stopped from getting to their homes but added it was possible someone may have to wait 10 to 15 minutes at a closure or drive round to approach their property from the another side.

Work towards a pedestrian crossing in Exning Road, whose installation had been expected in the autumn, was delayed after the discovery of coal tar in its surface.

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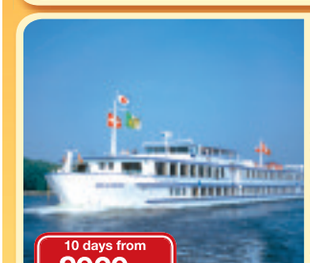

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Stallholders launch new market plan

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WITH plans to move the market to Newmarket High Street in doubt, stallholders are set on regenerating the facility in its current location with plans for themed markets.

A craft market able to accommodate up to 15 stalls will be held on Saturday, February 11 between 8am and 3pm, alongside the normal stalls in a bid to attract more footfall.

Andy Neal, who runs the mobility stall at the market, said the movement of the market to the High Street was looking unlikely so they were looking at ways of bringing more people to the attraction in its current location.

He said: "We have got to look at it from a different angle of getting the people to the market, rather than the market to the people."

They are also looking at holding a French or Italian-style second themed market.

Mr Neal said: "It's in conjunction with Forest Heath, in fairness, a lot of credit to them.

"They are allowing us to have a couple of themed markets to see how it might go and help regenerate the retail in the town as well as the market itself."

Town councillors had agreed last year the market should be returned to its High Street setting, a move traders had hoped would reverse its decline.

The plans follow a separate idea called Strictly New Market, from the Newmarket Retailers' Association, to found a second Portobello Road-style market in Newmarket with stalls located around the town.

To sign up for the craft market or express an interest in taking a stall at the second themed market, call Joanne Rogers, the town centre manager at Forest Heath District Council on (01638) 719399 or Mr Neal on (07884) 493292.

Shock as out-of-hours service set to be axed

Bid for shutdown next month

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THE NHS out-of-hours primary care centre base in Newmarket is likely to close next month as part of changes proposed to Suffolk's service.

The service at Newmarket Hospital is currently available to people throughout weekends, on bank holidays and between 6.30pm and 8am during the week if they are judged to need an appointment after calling the out of hours telephone number.

But Harmoni, the provider of the NHS's Suffolk out of hours service, said in a statement prepared for Newmarket Town Council's meeting on Monday that it plans to shut the town's base from the start of February.

It said: "On February 1 2012, Harmoni is proposing to make some changes to the locations of its primary care centre bases in Suffolk.

"Currently, there are 10 base locations across the county and under the new service model there will be eight. The centres in Aldeburgh, Newmarket and Wickham Market will close and, under the proposed model, there will be a new centre in Saxmundum."

Cllr Warwick Hirst of Newmarket Town Council and Forest Heath District Council said: "It basically gives a lower level of service to Newmarket residents, which is not acceptable. Also, there has been no consultation, which is equally unacceptable."

Under the new model, patients who are judged to need an appointment at a primary care centre base after calling the out-of-hours phone number will still be seen at a location no more than 30 minutes' travel time away as before, where possible, or they could visit another centre of their choice or one required by their health problem, the statement said.

It said patients can be seen at the base in Mildenhall 19 minutes away or in Bury St Edmunds, 24 minutes from Newmarket.

It said: "The impact of the changes on patients will be minimal.

"There will be no material change to the service, which will continue to be delivered under the existing contract between Harmoni and NHS Suffolk."

A total of 421 patients out of the 8,834 patients seen by the Suffolk out-of-hours service between July and September were seen at the Newmarket base, and Harmoni said figures had shown racing events in Newmarket had not previously affected the level of demand.

Harmoni said the new model would mean resources were used effectively and it was flexible enough for resources to be deployed according to demand.

It said mini surgeries could be opened when needed in areas where demand is typically low but variable.

Fraudster conned firm out of £76k

A MOTHER who stole £76,000 from a Newmarket firm to fund her internet gambling addiction has been jailed.

Lucienne Mainey, 41, was sentenced to 16 months in prison at Ipswich Crown Court on Tuesday after pleading guilty to six offences of fraud by false representation and asking for 25 similar offences to be taken into consideration.

The court heard Mainey, who had been working as an accounts administrator for APD Ltd in Willie Snaith Drive, was first caught out in January last year when Kevin Smith, the company's director, discovered she had paid £800 of company money into her own account.

She apologised and was told she could repay the money from her wages but a further irregularity was found in October.

Mainey, of Hurdles Way, Duxford, initially denied any wrongdoing then admitted she had paid money listed as being in settlement of invoices into her own account.

A review of the company's accounts revealed that Mainey had paid herself £76,081 during last year.

Michael Crimp, prosecuting, said: "Quite simply, she used old invoices and changed amounts on them or created her own invoices and made payments to her own account."

In addition to the £76,081, APD Ltd, which manufactures electrical control valves and employs 25 people, had been left facing the prospect of repaying £11,540 in VAT, which had arisen from the invoice payments faked by Mainey.

Ian James, mitigating, said Mainey had expressed genuine remorse and had until now lived an honest life with no previous convictions.

He said she had turned to internet bingo for solace following the breakdown of her marriage and became addicted. He said: "It turned out to be an extremely expensive pastime for her."

The court heard Mainey, who had substantial debts and was living on benefits, had now been referred for professional help by her GP.

Judge Peter Fenn told her: "The message must go out loud and clear from this court for those who might succumb to temptation to steal from those whose money they are in a position of managing."

He said Mainey had left the business facing problems because of the amount of money she stole and only an immediate prison sentence was appropriate.

The court heard she had assets totalling £800 which Judge Fenn ordered should be confiscated and handed to APD Ltd in compensation.

Couples two-step up for dance classes

Having a ballroom: Vera Barclay with husband Mike and dancers at Turner Hall, Newmarket.

Picture: Duncan Lamont 795966

FIVE new couples have boosted dance classes in Newmarket – but their teacher has warned more people are still needed for the lessons to continue after Easter.

Vera Barclay, 83, who has been teaching dance for more than 60 years, had been left wondering whether to continue her Monday night classes in Newmarket because of the cost of hiring the Turner Hall and the loss of pupils to other local teachers.

But four couples from Newmarket joined her new beginners' class which started on Monday and involves ballroom and Latin and an additional pair came along for her intermediate class.

The beginners had tackled a waltz and by the end of the night, three out of the four pairs were dancing together.

Vera said the new class had gone extremely well. She said: "We got three couples dancing together round the hall so we were really pleased with that – they are really quick."

But she said five new couples were still not enough to pay for the rent of the hall. For more information, call Vera and her husband, Mike, on (01394) 282285.

Council to back museum plan

HUGE cash backing is on the cards to help Mildenhall Museum.

Forest Heath District Council had set aside £800,000 to support the museum's development programme if the attraction won its bid for lottery funding.

The museum was promised £423,000 by the Lottery in December and the councillors will meet on February 1 to discuss the additional cash.

Speaking after the Lottery grant was announced, council deputy leader Nigel Roman said: "I will be encouraging my fellow councillors to get behind this terrific scheme and approve the investment in Mildenhall Museum so that these plans move swiftly from dreams to reality."

The development project would include an extension to house artefacts including the Anglo-Saxon horse and warrior, which were unearthed at Lakenheath in 1997.

Collections and the building would be made more accessible, the museum's existing displays would be transformed and a new activity manager would be appointed.

Peter Merrick, of Mildenhall Museum, said: "Forest Heath have promised this to us but, nevertheless, we have got to go through the due process."

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Shops: don't alienate your customers

Sir, I assume that Variety and Spice's proliferation of garish signs was the final straw that forced our A-boards off Newmarket's streets; leaving a ubiquitous 'not-a-thing-out-of-place' and therefore a forgettable drive through town.
Our traders, on whom the high street depends, have experienced the negative impact in trade resulting from not being allowed to express the individuality of principally independently owned shops who are actively reaching out to their customer base.
Variety and Spice are now using their signs in a more restrained manner that does not impede foot-traffic flow and does not impinge on those with different aesthetic sensibilities.
Good for them.
It is this personality and difference of expression that helps to make Newmarket shopping an interesting experience.
Regarding the metal and expensive upmarket street directories that resemble out-of-town commercial park signs; I've never yet read one as the shop name does nothing to indicate what is sold or if there is an interesting offer.
Also, a shop may no longer exist; leaving these signs to be relics of someone's need to control what is in fact a vibrant dialogue between the shop and shopper – the A-board.
Recently the Quatro Coffee cafe has put tables outside its premises, and I find this to be an attractive addition to the relaxed and friendly attitude of The Guineas.
However, as I expressed to the owner, I find the addition of an A-board beyond the tables to be offensive as it forces me out into the walkway.
Ease of traffic flow is a necessary factor of shopping pleasure and I'm afraid that what I see as an inconsiderate hunger for advertising may cause the council to purge our high street of its distinctiveness by forcibly removing A-boards – again.
I have observed that Kitchen & Things with its neighbour the Waggon and Horses has colluded in sometimes encroaching even farther out into the pavement and so force people to detour, causing problems when a group of people going up the pavement meet another group travelling down.
These businesses may be advertising more of their wares but I think it is important that they don't alienate the people they wish to attract.
May I suggest that owners look beyond their own perspective and spend some time observing how their signs and goods affect the people walking past their premises, even during quiet periods. That if they want to continue to use their A-boards that they not only consider the need of the shopper but also the right of other businesses which advertise responsibly.
This might give the council time to concern themselves with wheelie bins on regular sized pavements !

M Hunt
Newmarket

MEMORIES

■ THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows a group of people with some literature.
Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken?
Send your answers to: Memories, Newmarket Weekly News, 15 High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8LX by Tuesday morning, or email *editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk*

Picture: 788729.

Last week's Memories photograph, from our archives, prompted a response from Kathy Finney, who said: "The photo was taken at Laureate School in either 1984 or 1985. My son is the boy on the right of the photo, and we think he's about 8 at the time.
"We were part of the PTA which arranged a fun day when an artificial ice rink was laid in the school hall. I've actually got the original cutting from the paper. The heading under the photo says 'Fun and games but no cold knees at the Laureate school'.
"We were talking about this with our son last night and laughing that skating on the artificial surface was difficult and hence everyone got rather hot!! We organised a couple of these sessions, but then the popularity of the them seemed to wane.
"It certainly brought back memories for us, of spending all day at the school and also providing refreshments, but also of the fun the children, and some of the adults, had."
According to our archives, the picture was taken in January 1986.

Picture: 441263.

In the dark over Highway Code guidance?

Sir, Rule 51 of the Highway Code states that "It is safer not to ride on the road at night or in poor visibility, but if you do, make sure you wear reflective clothing and your horse has reflective bands above the fetlock joints. A light which shows white to the front and red to the rear should be fitted, with a band, to the rider's right arm and/or leg/riding boot.
"If you are leading a horse at night, carry a light in your right hand, showing white to the front and red to the rear, and wear reflective clothing on both you and your horse. It is strongly recommended that a fluorescent/reflective tail guard is also worn by your horse."
Presumably such rules apply to racehorses even if they merely cross a highway or might set even just a foot on same.
Perhaps we can look forward to illuminated strings or staff can start later at this time of year when it's still dark early.

Andrew Appleby
St Albans
Newmarket

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Street is declared closed to cold callers

Not here: from left, Newmarket mayor Keith Bovill, Cllr Bill Sadler, Sarah Nagra from Trading Stanards, town councillor Chris Turner and James Garrett from Trading Standards. CP.

COUNCILLORS, police and Trading Standards officers were out in force in a Newmarket street for the launch of a no-cold-calling zone.

The group gathered at Armstrong Close on Monday to declare the street closed to uninvited traders, becoming the fifth area in Newmarket and the 32nd in Suffolk to have done so.

Street signs and stickers displayed in residents' windows will show the road is a no-go area for uninvited callers from both businesses and charities.

The zones are supposed to protect vulnerable people from rogue traders and distraction burglars and to cut the fear of crime.

James Garrett, fair trading officer at Suffolk Trading Standards, said: "We cannot guarantee that cold calling will stop, but in areas where cold calling zones have been set up in Suffolk they have been shown to reduce the number of cold calls or uninvited traders to that particular area."

He said the zones were designed to empower the consumers and the fact a road was a no-cold-calling zone (NCCZ) could be taken into account in court cases.

Cllr Bill Sadler of Suffolk County Council said he had first heard about the zones when his own home was included in one adding the scheme had worked in his case.

He said: "It has got to be a community-led thing. I'm always pleased to hear from anybody who thinks it would be beneficial."

Residents of NCCZs are handed a pack to encourage them to report suspicious incidents to Consumer Direct on (08454) 040506.

For more information about establishing a NCCZs in your area, call Suffolk Trading Standards on (01473) 264859 or email *tradingstandards@suffolk.gov.uk*.

Bridge banners to tackle road crimes

POSTERS are being unfurled at 31 bridges over the A14 and A12 urging people to report suspicious activity following incidents in which objects have been thrown off bridges.

The banners bearing the message "Spot Anything Suspicious? Call 999" are being put up in Suffolk and will feature a bridge reference number which drivers can report to the police.

Extra police patrols have been launched in areas around bridges on key routes in the county and an investigation to catch those responsible for the incidents in December has been launched.

The force helicopter was scrambled after rocks thrown from the Fordham Road bridge hit a BMW on the A14 on December 27.

Three cars travelling on the Suffolk stretch of the A14 on the evening of December 21 were damaged by objects thrown from bridges and a further four vehicles were hit by items flung onto the road near Felixstowe on December 14.

Chief Supt David Skevington, Suffolk's county policing commander, said: "Hopefully, these signs will prompt motorists who see anything suspicious to get in touch immediately after finding a safe place to stop and make a call to us.

"We are taking these crimes extremely seriously. Fortunately, no one has been injured, but it goes without saying that throwing anything from a bridge on to a busy road has the potential to result in road traffic collisions causing serious injury or even death."

Dave Gingell, regional director in the east for the Highways Agency, which is providing the signs, said: "Safety on our roads is our top priority and we are doing everything we can to assist Suffolk Police in bringing these dangerous and irresponsible activities to an end."

Sex attacker drove off in victim's car

Man, 22, admits a string of offences in court

BY COURT REPORTER

Email: editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk

A MAN admitted he drunkenly attacked and sexually assaulted a woman before taking and then crashing her car.

Leroy Parker, 22, pleaded guilty at Cambridge Magistrates' Court yesterday via video link from HMP Peterborough to 11 offences, many of which related to an incident in Stetchworth on December 28.

Laura Mardell, prosecuting, said: "The defendant pushed the victim onto her front and got on top of her, took off her trousers and told her he wanted to have sex. Her hands were down by her side and she couldn't really move.

"She tried to wriggle free and he grabbed her hair and dragged her around."

The court heard the victim managed to escape, only to hear the sound of her car being driven away by Parker, who then crashed it into a curb.

Miss Mardell added: "Mr Parker then opened the bonnet to try to get the car started again, but when this failed he began to walk off.

"When police arrested him shortly after, he gave them a false name, wouldn't give a specimen of breath and had drugs on him."

Parker, of Cooper's Close, Stetchworth, pleaded guilty to sexual assault, aggravated vehicle taking and vehicle damage, possessing cannabis, obstructing a constable in execution of their duty, driving while disqualified, driving without insurance, and failing to provide a specimen for analysis.

He also admitted to four other offences which took place in Soham on November 2 – taking a vehicle and driving it dangerously on the A142, driving when disqualified, failing to stop and driving without insurance.

Jacqui Baldwin, mitigating, asked for sentencing to be adjourned for a pre-sentence report to be put together.

Presiding magistrate Rosie Spencer ordered Parker to appear in person at the court on Friday, January 20 to be sentenced.

He will be remanded in custody until this date.

Tree falls as high winds sweep across area

A TREE between Stetchworth and Wood Ditton was one of 25 which fell during the early hours of last Thursday morning as high winds swept Cambridgeshire.

It fell at about 3.40am and the road had been cleared by 5am.

The police urged motorists to be cautious following the 19 incidents which took place between midnight and 8am.

A police spokesman said last Thursday: "We are working with the Highways Agency and local authorities to ensure trees and debris are removed from roads as quickly as possible.

"We would urge motorists to remain alert to the conditions of the roads and report any problems to police."

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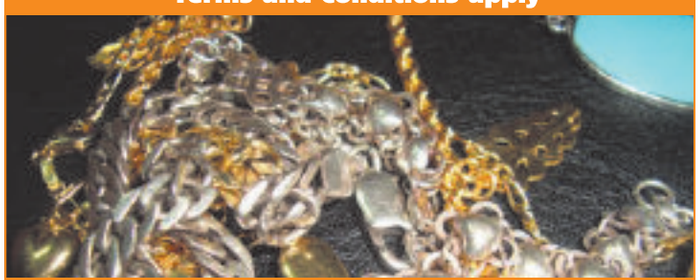

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Deaths

WIGHAM. John (Wiggie) of Gibson Close, Exning, passed peacefully away, in St Nicholas Hospice, Bury St Edmunds, on Friday, 30th December, 2011, after a long illness bravely borne. A loving husband to Betty, a dear dad to Nigel and Jacqueline, loving grandad to Victoria and Holly, father-in-law to Anita and Steve, and will be sadly missed. Until we meet again, Rest In Peace. A Funeral service to be held at St Martins Church, Exning on Monday, 16th January, at 2.00pm, followed by interment. Family Flowers only please but if desired donations may be made payable to St Nicholas Hospice, c/o Southgate of Newmarket Funeral Directors, 25 Duchess Drive, Newmarket. CB8 8AG.

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Take a trip back in time

BUSINESSES and community groups in Newmarket are being called on to showcase their vintage credentials at a festival in July.

Wayne and Gerardine Hemingway's Vintage festival celebrates British culture from the 1920s to the 1980s and they are calling on tearooms, cooks, dance groups and collectors to bring contributions along.

Mr Hemingway said: "Vintage is like a big dressing-up box, a creative feast for all ages where you can dance the dances of the decades, watch top bands, buy fantastic vintage clothes and accessories, take part in creative workshops, eat wonderful food and watch iconic movies."

The festival takes place at the Boughton Estate in Northamptonshire on July 13 to 15.

Email *info@vintage.co.uk* to get involved and for more information visit *www.vintagefestival.com.*

Sign up for zumba date

GET a taste of a dance-based fitness class for free at Mildenhall's Jubilee Centre.

A zumba session at the centre between 10am and 11am on Thursday, January 19 promises to help participants tone up their muscles and increase their strength and fitness.

Active older adults, the less fit and those recovering from injury or health problems can take part in a zumba gold session between 11.30am and 12.30pm on the same day.

Booking is essential. For more information and to reserve your place, phone (01638) 715001.

Write your way to £2k

CHILDREN'S writers can put pen to paper for a shot at a £2,000 prize.

The Academy of Children's Writers is running its 27th annual competition, in which tales of up to 2,000 words can be submitted. Entries must be in by March 31.

Visit *www.childrens-writers.co.uk* or write to Write a Story for Children Competition, Academy of Children's Writers, PO Box 95, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE28 5RL enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for entry forms and more information.

Meet a star: Jason Manford with, from left, Donna Cooper, Natalie Brewer, who runs a Slimming World group at the Rutland Arms, and Sharon Heaps, who runs a group at Stanton community village hall near Bury St Edmunds. CP

Slimmers win praise from television comic

THE manager of weight-loss clubs in Newmarket has been praised by a TV funnyman.

Donna Cooper, who manages Slimming World groups in the town, met Jason Manford at the club's annual awards ceremony which he co-hosted.

Jason, of the television show *Eight Out of 10 Cats*, said following the awards: "Presenting the Slimming World Awards was a real honour. I was blown away by the achievements of all of the slimmers who joined us on stage.

"Throughout the day I met so many inspirational people, not only the slimmers collecting awards but also the amazing people like Donna who run and manage the groups and help them achieve so much. It's literally changed their lives beyond all recognition."

Donna said: "With some of the highest levels of obesity in Europe here in the UK, in 2012 we want to help even more people to slim down and improve their health starting this January."

For more information, visit *www.slimmingworld.com.*

Keith closing in on internet title

BY JENNIE BAKER

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A SILVER surfer from Newmarket has been shortlisted in a national charity's hunt for an internet champion.

Keith Paterson is in the running for the Age UK title which will see the winner act as a leading light for the millions of over-65s who have never used the internet.

Mr Paterson, who is deaf and finds being able to communicate online useful, wowed the judges with his determination to help others use the net through his website, *www.silverhairs.co.uk*.

The 80-year-old said: "I am delighted to have been shortlisted to become the next internet champion.

"I am passionate about getting out there and telling people that age is no barrier – my oldest pupil was 94 years old.

"I already do a lot of work helping older people get online by answering questions submitted through my website or by actually showing local people how to do things step by step. Technology is so important as you get older and there is no time like the present to learn."

If Mr Paterson makes it through to the final four, he will attend a nail-biting awards ceremony at the Royal Society in London at the end of the month to find out whether he is to be crowned this year's champion.

David Mortimer, head of digital inclusion at Age UK, said: "Congratulations to Keith on being shortlisted in the search to become Age UK's Internet Champion 2012. We received some truly inspiring applications but Keith really stood out and I wish him the best of luck as the judging continues.

"Age UK is committed to helping older people access the advantages of using the Internet for themselves. With more than 5.7m people over 65 not online, the digital divide is still vast.

"Through the Age UK internet champion of the year search we are showcasing real stories to inspire others to make the most of all the internet has to offer."

Age is no barrier: Keith Paterson surfs the web at 80. CP

Mentor Amy scoops top award

Well done: Amy Courtney-Moore, who has won recognition for her role in the Kick Ash anti-smoking drive. CP.

A STUDENT from Stetchworth has won an award for her role as a mentor in Cambridgeshire's Kick Ash anti-smoking programme.

Amy Courtney-Moore, a Bottisham Village College pupil, has been presented with a Diana Award after overcoming personal challenges, including with her self confidence, to take on a role in the Kick Ash initiative.

Kick Ash is led by 15- and 16-year-olds who promote pride in being smoke free, mentor children aged 11 to 13 about issues related to smoking and help develop schemes to help youngsters stop smoking.

Amy, 16, has also given up her time to help train Kick Ash mentors in other schools and has been part of an interest group for Kick Ash developing stop-smoking services for youngsters.

Matt Hall, head of learning for year 11 at the college, said: "Amy is a very special young person who has overcome many personal challenges to be part of this programme. She has proved beyond doubt to be a model Kick Ash mentor.

"It has been a delight watching her confidence grow while she has been part of the programme.

"Amy's story of perseverance is a fantastic example of how someone can make amazing progress in their personal development and to gain such confidence that they have not only been able to become a mentor but also become a leading example of how to be a successful mentor and role model for other students."

A spokesman for the NHS and the personal, social, health and economic association service said: "Amy has shown total commitment to the programme and her role as Kick Ash mentor."

Area scores well on quality of life

BY JENNY BAKER

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FOREST Heath has weighed in 66 places behind its neighbour East Cambridgeshire in a quality of life survey.

But despite missing out on a spot in the top 50 of the sixth annual Halifax survey, Forest Heath's position of 70th out of 405 local authority districts still puts it in the top 20 per cent of the list.

East Cambridgeshire, which includes Burwell, Dullingham, Cheveley, Reach, the Swaffhams and Kennett, scooped fourth position, making it the top scoring area in the region.

The survey of living standards ranks the districts based on measures including education, health, crime, jobs, broadband access, the weather and traffic flows.

Cllr Keith Bovill, Newmarket's mayor, said: "It was good to read that East Cambridgeshire and Forest Heath District Council were placed in the top 17 per cent of local authority areas in the recent Halifax quality of life index.

"I would, however, question the relevance of the data used in compiling the index and its bearing on the individual residents living in the towns and villages within the two districts."

Cllr Roger Dicker, chairman of Forest Heath District Council, said: "I think to be almost in the top 15 per cent of it all must be excellent news but I wish East Cambs well done and good luck to them.

"We have got to mention they are a Conservative council."

Speaking after the release of the survey in December, Cllr Peter Moakes, leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "We are delighted that the survey recognises the area's educational possibilities, the low crime rate, and the attractiveness of the centre of Ely both for people who live here and visitors.

"This vindicates our responses to the comments made in the Mary Portas report which rather knocked Ely and said it was unattractive and had a lot of boarded-up shops."

Hart in Hampshire topped the table, beating Elmbridge in Surrey to the position it had held for the last three years.

Out of the top 50 districts, 15 were in the East of England and none in the north of the country, Scotland or Wales made the top 50.

Retailer: I'm forging ahead online

ONE of the shops which succeeded in the Strictly Come Newmarket competition to fill empty premises in the town has closed – but its founder is by no means out of business.

Jenny Hughes, of Monkerillas which came joint runner-up in the contest run by the town's retailers association, said she could not justify keeping her Old Station Road shop open any longer but was hoping to focus on other aspects of the business.

In business: Jenny Hughes.

The founder of the children's clothes and craft business said: "I'm hoping to continue it doing retail shows and home parties.

"I have put a lot of hard work in in the past year but obviously was not getting the footfall in that location."

She said she will update her website and plans to establish a facility to allow people to buy things online. When the economy picks up, she said, she could look at opening a shop at another place in Newmarket.

She added: "It was a hard decision to come to but I thought it through from a business perspective to come up with what was the best thing for me and the business."

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Building a life after years as a homeless alcoholic

Finding a voice: Toby working on his latest film. Picture: Keith Jones 794797

As a homeless alcoholic, Toby Peters spent his days pushing a shopping trolley around and drinking anything he could lay his hands on. Now he's an award-winning film-maker, dedicated to helping others get clean, sober and off the streets. Here he talks to feature writer Alice Ryan.

THIS time six years ago, Toby Peters was living on the streets. Battling addiction, his days passed in a blur of drink and drugs. Sleeping under bridges and bushes, and wheeling all his worldly goods round in a battered golf trolley, he'd reached rock bottom.

"I was a dustbin: I'd put anything in my body, as long as it could take me away from me," says the 44-year-old. "But alcohol was my foundation. I followed the bottle – to the point where nothing mattered except the bottle.

"I'd drink whatever was cheapest, usually cheap white cider. At the worst, I was on nine litres a day. I was what they call a 'top-up' drinker; I was never really sober.

"Occasionally I'd wake up at 6am, have a moment of clarity and think 'What am I doing sleeping under a bridge?' . . . But I always found a reason: I blamed it on my bad life, on school – always on other people.

"I've heard alcoholism described as 'the cancer of the soul' and that's genuinely what I think it is: it eats you up from the inside. It eats you up until there's nothing else left."

Today, Toby's life couldn't be more different. He's been sober for more than five years. And he's now helping other homeless people get their lives back on track. As studio artist at FLACK – the Cambridge-based social enterprise and charity which offers the homeless training, support and a voice – his film-making recently won him a Talk Talk Digital Heroes award. Presented at the House of Lords last month, it included a £5,000 prize. "That was massive. Absolutely massive. To be recognised on that level . . . It was amazing.

"Afterwards I sat outside with a friend, a poet, who'd come along. We both got a coffee and sat on the pavement looking up at Big Ben. In that moment we realised how far we'd come. And we realised that we'd finally got a voice, a loud one – and that people were listening to us."

The team at FLACK, based at the City Life building on Sturton Street, comprises homeless and housed, staff and volunteers. All work together to produce a monthly features and listings magazine and numerous other creative projects – including Toby's films.

Some of his most moving footage tells the life stories of fellow FLACK members, some still homeless or struggling with addictions.

"There's a big invisible wall between homeless people and other people. I want to tear that wall down and show homeless people for what they are: human beings, just like everyone else."

Toby believes his own problems with alcohol date right back to childhood. "I'm from a family of drinkers. My dad was a drinker. And when he'd had a drink he always gave me a lot of attention. I think that's what I thought attention, or affection, was about.

"When I was growing up, the meth drinkers used to congregate in the old Lion Yard. For some reason I found them fascinating; I'd hang around wanting to gain their acceptance.

"And then I got into being a punk. I hated the music: I'd go to gigs and hate it. I was a hippie-punk; my path was Jimi Hendrix, that's where I was going. But I liked the whole idea of being part of a sub-culture, it made a kind of sense to me."

From then on, Toby's drinking spiralled. "I actually chose to live on the streets. Again, it made sense to me at the time; looking back, my lifestyle was insane. The only thing that kept me in some kind of check was my music: I was a street entertainer, a busker.

"When you busk people come up and talk to you about the guitar or what you're playing; it breaks down those barriers we were talking about. So it gave me a connection to the rest of the world.

"I was a bit of a snob: they used to call me 'the posh tramp'. I had a trolley that I kept my clothes, my sleeping bag and my roll mat in. I was quite OCD about packing everything up neatly and keeping it clean."

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What is FLACK?

FLACK is a social enterprise and registered charity based in Cambridge which benefits people who are or have been homeless. It's unique in that everyone – homeless, housed, staff, volunteer, service user – works together to write and produce a magazine filled with articles, poetry, reviews and event listings.

"Most important is the investment and achievements of our 33+ homeless members," says creative director Kirsten Lavers. "When we started I had people telling me, you'll never get homeless people to turn up and give their time for free, which is nonsense. They are not only loving it, being involved with FLACK is making a real and noticeable difference to everyone's lives. Two heroin addicts are now completely clean, two alcoholics have gone through detox and are sustaining their sobriety, we've got four people into employment, smiles on people's faces, opinions expressed, creativity flowing . . . "For every £1 invested in FLACK we're returning at least £3 of savings to the public purse and social value: a heroin addict, for example, costs £13,200 per year. This really is ground-breaking work."

Find out more at *www.flackcambridge.org.uk*

Toby describes the homeless community as tight-knit. "You all support each other, help each other. And there is a genuine kinship: you're thinking 'Poor me' and so is everyone around you. Everyone is a victim; you're all in it together, all suffering together.

"I'd spent so long thinking of myself as a victim, and blaming other people, that I believed my own bull***t."

Toby, who is dyslexic, says his school years were particularly troubled. "I'd point the finger at school. I'd point the finger anywhere except at myself."

"Eventually I realised I was leading a very lonely life," he continues. "Everything – every emotion, every friendship, every relationship – was driven by drink or drugs or both. When I came off the alcohol and started to feel genuine emotions it was like 'Oh my god! This is what reality feels like'."

Toby had been through rehab twice before, but relapsed both times. So what made the difference third time around? "I was tired of being tired all the time," he explains. "One of my darkest times – and this is going to sound ridiculous – was round the back of the Park Street car park, near The Maypole. There are some bushes there. I needed a poo, so I had a poo in those bushes.

"A group of people walked by and I heard one of them say 'What the f**k is that smell?'. I was standing there, my kecks round my ankles, and I had this moment of clarity. I realised 'This is not right'. That moment, the seed was planted."

Doctors had warned Toby his life was at risk. "They'd told me that if I carried on drinking I wouldn't be around much longer.

"It sounds strange, but that was pretty normal in my world: if one of your mates turned up with cauliflower fingers because his liver was failing, it wasn't anything out of the ordinary."

Toby credits people like Kirsten Lavers, former editor of the *Willow Walker* and now creative director of FLACK, with having faith in him. WinterComfort director Cathy Hembry was, he explains, instrumental in his recovery: "We had to persuade the doctor it was worth giving it a go. Cathy came to the doctor with me and said she'd put me in a B&B and give me the detox meds herself, on condition I went straight into rehab afterwards.

"I called the rehab centre in Cornwall every day for three months, until they agreed to take me.

"The detox itself was five days of hell. The physical symptoms were horrendous: I had hallucinations and was so weak I couldn't even walk, I had to go down the stairs on my bum. And I still had that terrible urge to drink.

"But, underneath all that, it also felt right. Before that, I just don't think I was ready; this time, I knew I was doing the right thing."

"After you've broken the physical addiction, you're left with the mental addiction and that's tough to crack.

"Rehab was actually a beautiful experience; horrible but in a beautiful way. One thing I was given responsibility for was a garden. I planted all these seeds and every single one grew: the flowers got so big I had to use canes to hold them up.

"I'd never grown anything before, but it suddenly clicked: the garden was like recovery – it needed encouragement and nurture to thrive."

On leaving rehab, Toby, ever the creative, won a place on a Live Performing Arts foundation course at St Austell College. "Only a tiny percentage of alcoholics make it through the first year of sobriety, I think it's three per cent. One of the biggest problems is loneliness. I had to learn how to be alone, how to feel unhappy, how to take criticism – without blurring it all out with drink."

Toby says the counselling he undertook at rehab proved key.

Toby first returned to Cambridge when Kirsten asked him to perform alongside other homeless and former-homeless musicians at a gig.

"I was really nervous about coming back, but it turned out to be the best thing I could have done. I walked into the room and the friends I used to drink with actually put their cans down behind them to give me a hug and tell me how proud they were of what I'd done. It was just amazing. It made me realise I had to come back to Cambridge for good."

Toby has been involved with FLACK ever since moving back and says the organisation has made an immeasurable difference to his life.

"People feel they can talk to me because of my background and my experiences and that's a unique thing.

"And FLACK is a unique organisation. Everyone is equal. All labels are left at the door: people can walk in and write their own labels.

"Having the chance to be part of a team, to make a film or compose poetry or write an article for the magazine – all those things give people a sense of identity, a sense of self-worth. This is a place where people can find out what they are, who they are: they can find themselves."

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The shows must go on

JENNIFER SHELTON takes a look at some of the best music, dance and theatre heading our way in the coming weeks

Julian Lloyd Webber
Corn Exchange, Cambridge, January 21
THE celebrated cellist kicks off the 2012 programme of the Corn Exchange's *Cambridge News*-backed Classical Concert Season, performing work by Bach, Britten, Rachmaninov and others. The musician has recently been announced as artist-in-residence at the venue. "Cambridge is steeped in musical history and the Corn Exchange gives people throughout Cambridgeshire and beyond the opportunity to experience live music by some of the very best symphony and chamber orchestras in the world today," explains Lloyd Webber. "As artist-in-residence, I plan to add to this rich mix by performing recitals, holding pre-concert talks and working closely with Cambridgeshire Music to ensure that more and more young people benefit from what great music has to offer."

All Time Low
Corn Exchange, January 26.
SCHOOLMATES-turned-punk rockers All Time Low swap Baltimore for Cambridge to perform a set of hits from albums including 2009's *Nothing Personal* and their present record, *Dirty Work*.
2012's answer to Blink 182 and the like, All Time Low have sold out two O2 Academy shows and picked up Best Live Act at last year's Kerrang Awards.

Chinese State Circus
Corn Exchange, Cambridge, January 28-29
DRAWING on Chinese traditions which stretch back 2,000 years, the Chinese State Circus combines acrobatic skill, martial arts and physical theatre designed to grab the attention of all your senses. *Yin Yang* is a new show for 2012 and, as well as showcasing the skill and strength of the performers, includes softer, more intricate acts such as parasol juggling and the aerial silks which, performed in stunning costume, celebrate the delicacy and beauty of Chinese culture and tradition.

'Tis Pity She's A Whore
Cambridge Arts Theatre, January 26-28
FOLLOWING their dark, stripped-back production of *Macbeth* last year, Cheek By Jowl return with John Ford's Jacobean tragedy *'Tis Pity She's A Whore*.
In this violent and bloody drama, we watch a brother and sister's passionate descent into hell. Incest, morality, religion and corruption all make this play as shocking today as it was almost 400 years ago.

James Morrison
Corn Exchange, Cambridge, February 3
THE husky-voiced singer-songwriter returns to the Corn Exchange once more to perform songs from his latest album, *The Awakening*. The album – which topped the charts on its release in September – includes the soulful *I Won't Let You Go* and his collaboration with woman of the moment Jessie J, *Up*. Always popular in Cambridge, tickets for this year's gig have already sold out.

Canterbury Tales
ADC Theatre, Cambridge, February 7-11
WHO, except a handful of English language students (and I'm not even counting all of them) can say we've really got through all of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales?* If you're hoping to broaden your literary horizons for the new year, the ADC Theatre may have the answer: for a week in February, students of Cambridge University will be performing this collection of medieval morality tales which range from the pious to the potty-mouthed. You may be surprised to find that pilgrims from the 14th century weren't all that different from us!

Brendan Cole
Corn Exchange, Cambridge, February 11
STRICTLY Come Dancing's original bad boy Brendan Cole is striking out alone in February with his show, *Live and Unjudged*. Expect a glittery mix of sultry tangos, lively jives and romantic waltzes as Brendan and his band of dancers and musicians bring you an up-close-and-personal show full of passion and pzazz. (It also stars Cole's brother and fellow dancer, Scott, who will be on hand to dish the dirt on his bro!)

The Russian State Ballet
Corn Exchange, Cambridge, February 13-15
THE Russian State Ballet are bringing three beautiful ballets our way this February. On February 13, enjoy *Giselle* – the powerful love story of romance and treachery; then be swept away by the enchanting story of *Swan Lake* on February 14, followed by *Sleeping Beauty* on February 15.

Marina and the Diamonds
The Junction, Cambridge, February 24
STUNNING Greek/Welsh singer-songwriter Marina Diamandis is heading our way with new material from her band, Marina and the Diamonds. The up-and-coming pop queen has had a busy few months, touring the US with Katy Perry and teaming up with production duo Stargate to create her latest euphoric tunes, which find her taking a more dancefloor-friendly direction.

RANGE OF TALENTS: Julian Lloyd Webber, top, the Chinese State Circus, left, and *'Tis Pity She's A Whore*, above.

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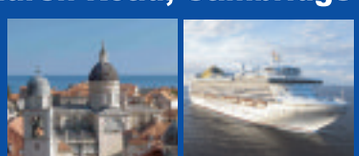
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Secret's out as Andrew returns

GINGER joker Andrew Lawrence returns to The Junction with his latest live show, *The Best Kept Secret In Comedy.*

The double Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee first hit the big time in 2007 when his Fringe show, *Social Leprosy For Beginners & Improvers*, caught the attention of the critics.

Since then he has gone on to star in TV sitcoms and had radio shows on Radio 2 and Radio 4. He also appeared as a guest on *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow*, which involved auditioning along with nearly 100 other comedians.

His latest show sees him unleashing more rhythmically-crafted rants about gyms, journalists (watch it, Lawrence. . .) and Glastonbury.

The Telegraph said: "Andrew Lawrence spews hypnotically articulate misanthropy that is very funny indeed, if absolutely not for the easily shockable."

■ Andrew Lawrence, The Junction, Cambridge, Saturday at 8pm. Tickets cost £12 (£10 concessions). Contact (01223) 511511 / *www.junction.co.uk.*

Beating the blues

PANTOMIMES date back to the Middle Ages, and were always performed around Christmas time and New Year.

The tradition has continued over the centuries with productions always being very popular, and very much aimed at children. These days the appeal is universal, and the panto can be as lavish as a West End production, or just as popular as the local village production.

The storyline is always based on tried-and-tested stories, legends and fairytales, and includes the goodies and baddies, the principal boy (played by a girl), the dame (played by a man), a good spirit, a villain, and the same old routines based on the same theme, whether it be *Cinderella*, *Aladdin*, *Robin Hood*, or in the case of NOMADS at The Kings Theatre in Newmarket this week, *Robinson Crusoe and The Pirates*, very loosely based on the book by Daniel Defoe ... oh, yes, it is!

Written by Alan P Frayn and directed by Allan Baxter, with musical direction by Rowan Marshall and choreography by Jessica Clifford, this year's production is spectacular and stunning. Stella Frangleton takes the title role as Robinson Crusoe, and she makes a superb principal boy, teamed beautifully with Amelia Conway as Juanita.

Jamie Maguire is always a good choice as the 'happy chappy' in the shows, and this year, as Nutty Nick, he manages to get all the members of the audience loving him and joining him in all his various antics and routines. How does he keep so cheerful all the time? No panto is ever complete without the dame and this year it's Steve Beach's turn as the gorgeous Margarita Jucilita. 'Her' costumes are fast and furiously changed and as fantastic as her wit and the speed and delivery of her lines.

BEHIND YOU: centre, Jamie Maguire as Nutty Nick with Steve Beach as the dame on his left.

Review by Jancis Harvey
NOMADS Kings Theatre Newmarket
Robinson Crusoe and The Pirates
January 7-14

Director Allan Baxter is always aware that even though the routines are tried and tested, they still have to bring something new to the stage each year, and he manages this very well in the scene with Nutty Nick and Captain Salt, (David Dowle), Juanita and Margarita and 'Row the Boat' – you know the one – 'its behind you'; and similarly he manages the routines of the two stooges in Cross Bones and Skull Duggery (Alex Alvarez Cubitt and Aaron Peart).

There are some other great highlights in this show with a welcome return to The Kings of Alan Coogan, as Captain Cut-throat (hiss boo), and the spirits of good and evil, respectively with Sarah Hartley as Coral, the spirit of the sea, and Liam Corbett as Davy Jones (hiss boo).

The cast for this panto is relatively small, but they work their socks off, with the brilliant dance and chorus team. The joy of panto is the poetic licence and the ad-lib lines, usually with a topical or local theme, and the local audiences love this and here we have the edge on the West End shows.

The cast is excellently completed with James Rees as Friday, Hocus Pocus and Mumbo Jumbo (Joseph Hall and Madelaine Stewart) and not forgetting the most exotic and vociferous parrot ever.... Poll, played by Jodie Corbett. This show must have been designed to cheer us up and disperse the blues of the winter in this financial climate and it certainly succeeded... it's behind you! The panto runs until Saturday at The Kings Theatre.

Raise up your voices

SINGERS and singing hopefuls unite: this Saturday is your chance to belt out your favourite hymns and tunes for charity.

The *Big Sing* is taking place at Great St Mary's Church in Cambridge this year at 5pm, with rehearsals starting at 2pm. You will be in the safe hands of the New Cambridge Singers, Fairhaven and Great St Mary's Singers.

Of course, if you'd rather be on the listening side, that's fine too. Just come along for 5pm.

The New Cambridge Singers, alongside Each, which recently received the patronage of the Duchess of Cambridge, are working to raise money for the new playground at the Milton children's hospice.

In keeping with the recent Royal visit, and with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 2012's *Big Sing* will celebrate some of the wonderful choral music written for coronations and weddings including *I Was Glad* and *Jerusalem*.

The Big Sing, Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge, Saturday at 5pm. Tickets are £15.

■ For more information contact Gillian Perkins on (01223) 350544.

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Darkest Hour 3D (12A): Fri 11am, 1, 3.15, 5.30, 7.40, 9.50, midnight Sat 1, 3.15, 5.30, 7.40, 9.50, midnight Sun 1, 3.15, 5.30, 7.40, 9.50 Mon-Tues 11am, 1, 3.15, 5.30, 7.40, 9.50 Wed 11am, 1, 3.15, 5.30, 7.40, 9.50, midnight Thu 11am, 1, 3.15, 5.30, 7.40, 9.50
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Puss In Boots 2D (U): Fri 12noon, 5.20 Sat-Sun 10am, 12noon, 5.20 Mon-Thu 12noon, 5.20
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Goon (15): Fri-Sat 10.45 Wed 10.45
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The Iron Lady (12A): Fri-Thu 3.50, 6.10, 8.30
Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol (12A): Fri-Thu 2.40, 5.35, 8.20
Sherlock Holmes: A Game Of Shadows (12A): Fri 2.50, 5.30, 8.10 Sat-Sun 12noon, 2.50, 5.30 (subtitles Sun), 8.10 Mon-Tues 2.50, 5.30 (subtitles Tues), 8.10 Wed-Thu 2.50
Alvin And The Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (U): Sat-Sun 11.10am, 1.20
Puss In Boots (U): Sat-Sun 11.30am
Rio (U): Sat 10.10am
The Lion King (U): Sat 10am

The big film

WAR HORSE
Certificate 12A, 146m

THE casualties of war extend far beyond the terrible loss of human life.

During the First World War, thousands of pigeons carried vital messages over long distances when other lines of communication were compromised. Dogs detected mines and dug out victims of bomb blasts while millions of horses, donkeys and mules carried supplies and ammunition or charged into battle in the Allied cavalry.

A dramatic memorial in London, sculpted from stone and brass by artist David Backhouse, pays tribute to the fallen creatures, great and small. And author Michael Morpurgo expressed his debt of gratitude in his children's novel *War Horse*, which has been adapted into a breathtaking stage production on both sides of the Atlantic.

Now Steven Spielberg directs this Oscar-tipped film version of Morpurgo's heartrending tale from a script by Richard Curtis and Lee Hall.

Alcohol-soaked farmer Ted Narracott (Peter Mullan) pays over the odds for a foal called Joey to spite landlord Lyons (David Thewlis) when he is supposed to be buying a plough horse. His long-suffering wife Rose (Emily Watson) wonders how they will pay the rent, while son Albert (Jeremy Irvine) promises to train the animal to work the fields.

But when Europe goes to war, Ted sells Joey to Captain Nicholls (Tom Hiddleston), who promises to take good care of the horse. Albert subsequently learns of tragedy on the battlefield and enlists in the army with best friend Andrew (Matt Milne) to track down Joey and return the horse to the farm.

Meanwhile, behind enemy lines, Joey is captured by the Germans and embarks on a momentous journey in the company of a young soldier called Gunther (David Kross) and a French girl (Celine Buckens) and her grandfather (Niels Arestrup).

War Horse is a deeply moving and sweeping drama that harnesses Spielberg's virtuosity behind the camera. Invariably, the four-legged stars canter away with our tear-stained affections, beautifully embodying the millions of noble beasts which gave their lives for our freedom.

Garden guru looks ahead

AS the ideal gardens ambassador for this year's Ideal Home Show, TV gardening expert Alan Titchmarsh needs to stay ahead of the times.

Keeping a keen eye on gardening trends, landscaping designs and what the public will be growing in 2012 and beyond, he predicts that the 'grow your own' campaign will be as strong as ever this year.

"Growing your own will still be popular," he says, "and veg can be fitted into pockets on the flower border as well as on a dedicated veg patch.

"Climbers on house walls are set to make a resurgence – who needs to look at boring brickwork? Just make sure that adequate wire or trellis supports are provided.

"And repeat-flowering roses should be in every garden – in and among border perennials and shrubs – dedicated rose beds are now out," he says.

Despite heavy TV commitments, Titchmarsh will be out in his Hampshire garden this winter, preparing it for spring and beyond.

"Getting my garden ready for spring is something that, like everybody else, I try to fit in around work. But it's vital and

by Hannah Stephenson

my garden is my safety valve as well as my canvas. My garden has good lines. Perspective, proportion and form are every bit as important to me as colour. There is lots of evergreen topiary – clipped box and yew – but within the borders there are billowing banks of perennials, shrubs and roses.

"I also have a wild flower meadow and a wildlife pond, providing great entertainment and a really good way of doing my bit for conservation. My garden is my sanctuary."

Winter offers time for planning new borders and allows gardeners time to do jobs little by little, he says.

"The great thing about winter is that things move slowly in the garden and we have a chance to catch up. It's not all about tidying, though there is some of that to do – border perennials to cut back (I like to leave some old foliage on in winter to help insects and birds), the last of the leaves to clear up and compost.

"I lightly fork over the earth between plants in early spring, working in a sprinkling of blood, fish and bone and then, among shrubs in particular, I mulch with chipped bark to seal in moisture and keep down weeds."

Winter is a great time to take a long, hard look at the garden and work out where there are gaps in terms of interest, he reflects.

Deciduous trees and shrubs are best planted now (provided the soil is not waterlogged or frozen) to give them a head start in spring, while perennials should be ordered now for planting in early spring so that the year can get off to a flying start.

If the ground's too hard or wet to work on, curl up on a winter's evening with some seed catalogues and work out what you want to grow this year, making your order quickly for the best selection, he suggests.

If you're creating a new veg plot, decide what you like eating and how much space such crops will take up. Then work out sowing and harvesting times so that the best use is made of your veg patch.

"Order your seeds early and store them in a shoebox in order of sowing times," he advises.

"Don't sow too much of quick-maturing crops such as lettuce and radish at the same time, but make smaller sowings every few weeks to ensure a succession of tender young crops."

Indoors in January and February, you can sow geranium (pelargonium) seeds early – they take a long while to grow and will flower sooner if they are raised on a warm windowsill.

Sprout seed potatoes so that they get off to a flying start when they are planted out later.

At the Ideal Home Show 2012, Titchmarsh will be judging the Ideal Young Gardeners of the Year competition, in which six colleges go head-to-head to create sustainable show gardens.

"We need to do much more to promote horticulture as a career and to pass on our gardening skills.

"It is the most rewarding of jobs, tough at times, yes, but one which allows us to do our bit for the future of the planet."

■ The Ideal Home Show at London's Earls Court runs from March 16 to April 1. To book tickets, visit *www.idealhomeshow.co.uk* or phone 0844 858 6763.

NEW TRENDS: Alan Titchmarsh says growing our own veg will be very popular this year.

Sudoku

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■ Last week's solution

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Crossword

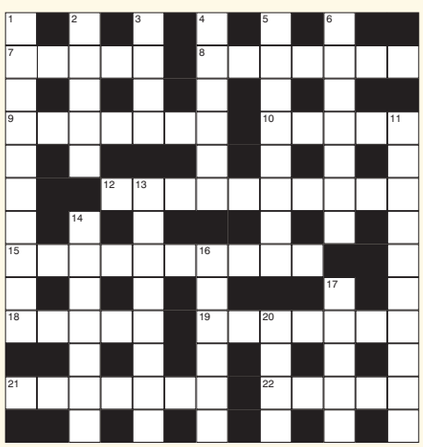
Cryptic clues

Across

7. An entry charge for a coral island (5)
8. Having clothes on can be conducive to fatigue (7)
9. Send kit around, being most benevolent (7)
10. Oil platform I had found to be very firm (5)
12. Where fielders make mistakes? (2,3,5)
15. Worker in the captain's area holding the cards? (6,4)
18. It is not left correct (5)
19. CID moan about having no fixed address (7)
21. Somehow mean single flower (7)
22. Awfully cruel wealth (5)

Down

1. Spinal anaesthetic is an out-of-date issue (4,6)
2. Healthy noise (5)
3. Depressing colour? (4)
4. Change places with southern sorceress (6)
5. Wildly roar and sing to troops in the town (8)
6. Pink gin for the leading person (7)
11. Is every ride of his a record? (4,6)
13. Nullifying no eating order (8)
14. One letter to get a garment (7)
16. Obstruct nearer the rear? (6)
17. Cited an authoritative command (5)
20. African country of abnormal interest (4)



Quick clues

Across

7. Pain (5)
8. Ban (7)
9. Petition (7)
10. Characteristic (5)
12. Thoughtful (10)
15. Glasses (10)
18. Crave (5)
19. Assorted (7)
21. Seaman (7)
22. Class (5)

Down

1. Anonymously (10)
2. Value (5)
3. Harp (4)
4. Of the mind (6)
5. Barrier (8)
6. Fitful (7)
11. Poacher (10)
13. Involve (8)
14. Fine (7)
16. Hole (6)
17. Drench (5)
20. Nation (4)

Last week's solution – Cryptic clues across: 1 Swallow up; 8 Car; 9 Grave accent; 11 Incense; 12 Erode; 13 Prince; 15 Attend; 17 Since; 18 Heather; 20 Alter course; 22 Nil; 23 Sheltered. **Down:** 2 War; 3 Lie-in; 4 Wicked; 5 Present; 6 Act together; 7 Pretender; 10 Auction sale; 11 In passing; 14 Creates; 16 Charge; 19 About; 21 See.

Quick clues across: 1 Defendant; 8 Ode; 9 Dehydration; 11 Tableau; 12 Knife; 13 Unrest; 15 Pennon; 17 Chair; 18 Austere; 20 Impatiently; 22 Ego; 23 Daredevil. **Down:** 2 Ere; 3 Nudge; 4 Alarum; 5 Twinkle; 6 Consignment; 7 Vengeance; 10 Hibernation; 11 Truncated; 14 Striped; 16 Rafter; 19 Speed; 21 Lei.

SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.
11.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers.
12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
12.15 Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests review the week's action.
1.00 World Olympic Dreams. Matthew Pinsent travels to Namibia to meet a young sprinter whose aim is to qualify for the London Games. Plus, reports from Iceland, Mongolia and Gaza as the countdown continues.
1.30 Bargain Hunt.
2.30 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Colin Murray and Bobby George present live coverage of the semi-finals at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green.
4.30 Final Score.
5.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
5.35 Winter Wipeout.
6.35 The Magicians.
7.50 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.
8.40 Casualty. Paediatric doctor Tom Kent formally joins the team the day after the Silverton explosion, but finds himself investigating a mystery.
9.30 Live at the Apollo.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day. (C) National Lottery Update.
11.40 The Football League Show.
12.55 Weatherview.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Little Robots. 6.10 Zigby. 6.25 Raa Raa the Noisy Lion. 6.35 Octonauts. 6.45 Everything's Rosie. 7.00 CBBC: Richard Hammond's Blast Lab. 7.30 Dennis and Gnasher. 7.40 The Scooby-Doo Show. 8.05 Pixelface. 8.35 Prank Patrol Down Under. 9.00 Deadly 60. 9.30 Barney's Latin America. 10.00 Animals at Work. 10.30 Trapped Ever After. 11.00 Hacker Time. 11.25 OOglies. 11.40 MOTD Kickabout.
12.00 The Sky at Night.
12.20 FILM: Miss Sadie Thompson (1953). Musical.
1.50 FILM: Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont (2005). Comedy drama, starring Joan Plowright.
3.30 FILM: The World's Fastest Indian (2005). Fact-based drama, starring Anthony Hopkins.
5.30 Escape to the Country.
6.30 Flog It!
7.30 Dad's Army.
8.00 The Man Who Made Eric & Ernie. A profile of TV producer Bill Cotton.
9.00 Ken Russell: A Bit of a Devil. Alan Yentob reflects on the career of film director Ken Russell, who died in November.
9.50 FILM: Women in Love (1969). Ken Russell's drama, starring Alan Bates, Oliver Reed, Glenda Jackson and Jennie Linden.
11.55 Darts: BDO World Championships.
12.45 FILM: The Rainbow (1988). Period drama.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV.
9.25 ITV News and Weather.
9.35 FILM: Step Up (2006). Musical romance, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan.
11.30 This Morning: Saturday.
12.30 Murder, She Wrote.
1.30 ITV News and Weather
1.45 Animals Do the Funniest Things.
2.45 All Star Family Fortunes.
3.25 FILM: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997). Dinosaur adventure sequel, with Jeff Goldblum.
5.45 Anglia News and Weather.
6.00 ITV News and Weather.
6.15 New You've Been Framed!
6.45 Harry Hill's TV Burp.
7.15 Take Me Out. A semi-professional wrestler from Cambridge, a Birmingham musician, a stockbroker from London and a Huddersfield student enter the "love lift".
8.30 The Talent Show Story. Exploring how Britain's Got Talent brought variety back to the nation's TV screens, and its head judge Simon Cowell talks about his transition from music mogul to household name. With contributions by Nigel Lythgoe, Ant and Dec, Gary Barlow, Piers Morgan, JLS, Kelly Rowland and One Direction.
9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show.
10.30 ITV News and Weather.
10.45 Celebrity Juice.
11.30 FILM: Wimbledon (2004). Drama, with Kirsten Dunst.
1.15 The Zone.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. 6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 The Hoobs. 7.00 The Grid. 7.30 GT Academy. 7.55 The Morning Line.
8.55 T4: Everyone's Talking About – Top 10. 9.30 FILM Flicka (2006). Family drama, starring Alison Lohman. 11.20 The Simpsons. 11.50 New Girl. 12.20 Playing It Straight. Dating show. 1.25 The Big Bang Theory.
1.55 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Warwick and Kempton Park.
4.00 Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson "The Colour Gold".
4.05 The Simpsons.
4.35 Come Dine with Me. From Barnsley. Also 5.05, 5.40, 6.10 and 6.40
7.10 Channel 4 News.
7.40 4thought.tv. A nine-year-old girl talks about child poverty.
7.45 FILM: Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007). Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Ioan Gruffudd Chris Evans, Jessica Alba, Laurence Fishburne and Michael Chiklis.
9.30 The Million Pound Drop Live.
11.00 FILM: Blade: Trinity (2004). The vampire hunter and a team of ruthless human sidekicks face a showdown with Dracula himself. Action thriller sequel, starring Wesley Snipes, Jessica Biel and Ryan Reynolds.
1.05 FILM: The Proposition (2004). Australian Western.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 Fireman Sam. 6.35 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 6.50 Castle Farm. 6.55 Igam Ogam. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.15 The Milkshake! Show. 7.35 Make Way for Noddy. 7.55 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 8.00 Little Princess. 8.20 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.35 Angelina Ballerina. 8.55 Rupert Bear. 9.05 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. 9.20 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 Roary the Racing Car. 9.40 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad.
10.15 It's All About Amy.
11.15 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction.
12.15 World's Toughest Trucker.
1.15 FILM: Gray Lady Down (1978). Undersea adventure.
3.30 FILM: Saddle the Wind (1958). Western.
5.10 FILM: The Devil's Brigade (1968). WW2 adventure.
7.30 5 News Weekend.
7.35 NCIS.
8.30 Celebrity Big Brother. The second eviction from the housemates' point of view.
9.35 FILM: Along Came Polly (2004). Romantic comedy, with Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston.
11.15 The Hotel Inspector. Alex Polizzi sets out to revamp a struggling Bournemouth hotel.
12.15 SuperCasino.

The Magicians
BBC1, Saturday, 6.35pm.

The Talent Show Story
ITV1, Saturday, 8.30pm.

The Reader
Channel 4, Sunday, 9pm.

Hellboy
Channel 5, Sunday, 6.40pm.

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
7.35 Match of the Day.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 The Big Questions.
11.00 Country Tracks; (C) Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.00 Sunday Politics. New series.
1.00 EastEnders. Omnibus.
3.05 Bargain Hunt.
3.35 Escape to the Country.
4.20 The Royal Bodyguard.
4.50 Lifeline.
5.00 Songs of Praise.
5.35 Antiques Roadshow.
6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. John Craven continues his interview with David Cameron. Includes Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Call the Midwife.
9.00 Sherlock. The Tower of London, Pentonville Prison and the Bank of England are all broken into on the same day – and yet nothing is stolen. Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman star in the award-winning crime drama, with Andrew Scott and Katherine Parkinson. Last in the series.
10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.55 The One Jasper Carrott.
11.35 FILM: All of Me (1984). A down-on-his-luck lawyer becomes possessed by the spirit of a headstrong, terminally ill millionairess. Comedy, starring Steve Martin.
1.00 Weatherview.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Little Robots. 6.10 Zigby. 6.25 Raa Raa the Noisy Lion. 6.35 Octonauts. 6.45 Everything's Rosie. 7.00 CBBC: Richard Hammond's Blast Lab. 7.30 Dennis and Gnasher. 7.40 The Scooby-Doo Show; (C) The Owl. 8.05 Paradise Cafe. 8.30 Wingin' It; (C) Diddy Dick & Dom. 9.00 Friday Download. 10.00 Something for the Weekend.
11.30 FILM: The Long Duel (1967). Period adventure.
1.20 Live Snooker: The Masters. Ding Junhui v Ronnie O'Sullivan.
5.00 Ski Sunday.
5.45 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Coverage of the final at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green.
8.00 Great Barrier Reef.
9.00 To Boldly Go – Up. Part two of two. Medical expert Kevin Fong explains the effects of altitude, and charts the development of technologies that enable humans to travel to heights where their bodies would not naturally be able to survive.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray reviews the day's Premier League action.
11.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. The comedian is joined by Dave Gorman and Katy Brand.
11.30 Fast and Loose. Featuring Greg Davies, Justin Edwards and Pippa Evans.
12.00 Snooker: The Masters. Mark Williams v Stephen Maguire.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. Pre-school fun. 7.25 CITV.
9.25 ITV News and Weather.
9.30 Ade in Britain.
10.30 Dinner Date.
11.30 Dickinson's Real Deal. Wartime memorabilia is sold in Burton-upon-Trent.
12.30 You've Been Framed!
1.00 ITV News and Weather.
1.05 Murder, She Wrote. Four sisters are accused of murder.
2.10 FILM: Columbo: Identity Crisis (1975). Crime drama.
4.10 Vera. Brenda Blethyn stars in the first of four murder mysteries.
6.00 Anglia News and Weather.
6.15 ITV News and Weather.
6.30 Dancing on Ice. The celebrities who did not perform last week take their chance to impress the public and the judges. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.
8.30 Wild at Heart. Du Plessis is haunted by his belief that Danny murdered their old enemy Christian Peeters.
9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.
10.00 That Sunday Night Show. Adrian Chiles is joined by Des O'Connor, Nancy Dell'Olio and Ross Noble.
10.30 ITV News and Weather.
10.45 FILM: Bloody Sunday (2001). Fact-based drama recalling the events when British soldiers opened fire on a parade in Londonderry. With James Nesbitt.
12.45 The Zone.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. 6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 The Hoobs. 7.00 Freesports on 4. 7.25 That Paralympic Show. 7.50 Channel 4 Presents – Jody Cundy 2012.
7.55 T4: Beyonce Live from Roseland. 8.50 One Tree Hill. 9.45 Hollyoaks. 12.15 Shipwrecked: The Island. It is Dominique's week as leader, and the camp is still divided. 1.15 The Big Bang Theory. 1.45 The Big Bang Theory. 2.15 The Simpsons. 2.45 The Simpsons.
3.15 FILM: Entrapment (1999). Crime thriller.
5.25 Deal or No Deal. Game show.
6.25 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 Hugh's Three Hungry Boys. New series. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall challenges three best friends to travel from Devon to Land's End with no money and a milk-float as their only mode of transport.
8.00 The Hotel.
9.00 FILM: The Reader (2008). Premiere. A teenage boy begins an affair with an older woman, only to discover that she was once an SS concentration camp guard. Drama, with Kate Winslet and Ralph Fiennes.
11.25 FILM: Underworld (2003). Supernatural action thriller starring Kate Beckinsale.
1.35 Laid Off.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 Fireman Sam. 6.35 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 6.50 Castle Farm. 6.55 Igam Ogam. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.15 The Milkshake! Show. 7.30 Make Way for Noddy. 7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 7.50 Olivia. 8.00 Little Princess. 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Mio Mao. 8.50 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.25 Funky Town. 9.30 Roary the Racing Car. 9.40 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 10.00 Inside Hollywood. 10.10 Grey's Anatomy. 11.10 Celebrity Big Brother. 12.10 The Hotel Inspector.
1.10 FILM: The Pink Panther (2006). Comedy remake.
2.55 FILM: Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (2006).
5.00 FILM: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (1994).
6.40 FILM: Hellboy (2004). Comic-book action fantasy.
9.00 World's Scariest Plane Landings.
9.50 5 News Weekend.
10.00 Celebrity Big Brother.
11.05 FILM: Not Another Teen Movie (2001). Comedy.
12.45 Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs.

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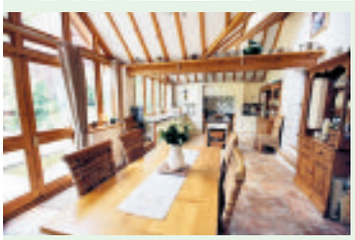

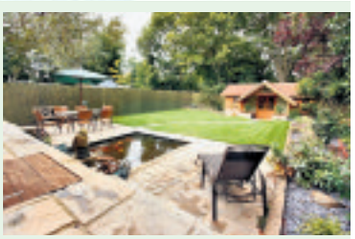

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Burwell **£165,000**
A charming period cottage with sitting room with log burning stove, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, enclosed garden and off road parking. RARELY AVAILABLE - NO CHAIN.

Great Bradley **£450,000**
A substantial 5 bedroom modern detached house, a large south facing rear garden, 3 generous reception rooms, 2 ensuite bathrooms, a well equipped fitted kitchen/breakfast room. Viewing essential, superb large garden.

Kings Warren **£149,500**
A superbly presented 2 bedroom modern semi detached property standing in an established residential development. The accommodation includes a well equipped modern fitted kitchen.

Freckenham **£185,000**
A 3 bedroom semi-detached house standing in a superb non-estate location with attractive views over open fields to the rear. Offering tremendous potential the property is offered for sale with NO ONWARD CHAIN.

Cheveley **£185,000**
A charming 2 bedroom period property forming part of an imposing coach house conversion in the historic Cheveley Park development. The accommodation is arranged over 3 floors and retains exceptional character and period detail.

Burwell **£325,000**
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Newmarket **£212,500**
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Newmarket **£155,000**
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Newmarket **£435,000**
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CHEVELEY £195,000

A well presented two bedroom detached bungalow situated at the end of a cul de sac within this popular village close to Newmarket. The property is in good decorative order and viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate this home.

BECK ROW £157,500

NO CHAIN

Beautifully presented and a well proportioned 3 bedroom Semi Detached home is in the popular village of Beck Row.

SOHAM £69,995

NEW

An opportunity to purchase a first floor two bedroom apartment offering an excellent buy to let

NEWMARKET £142,500

NEW

A well presented two bedroom Victorian style home situated on the favoured south side of the town popular for both first time or investment buyers. The property has the benefit of a lounge/diner, modern bathroom and enclosed garden to the rear.

MILDENHALL £235,000

NEW

A well presented four bedroom detached family home in a popular residential development close to the centre of the town and all facilities. The property offers versatile accommodation with modern kitchen and bathroom and the added benefit of a utility room and cloakroom, viewing is highly reccommended to full y appreciate this home.

Also available TO LET £1250 pcm.

EXNING £295,000

An opportunity to purchase a well extended four bedroom detached family home offering versatile accommodation. Situated within a select development in the much requested village of Exning.

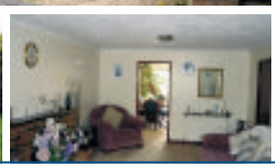
RED LODGE £234,995

A well presented modern four bedroom detached family home situated on new development close to Newmarket with easy access to the A11 and A14. Built by Bovis homes some two years ago this property offers spacious living accommodation.

NEWMARKET £250,000

A deceptively spacious four bedroom detached family home that has been extended and had the loft converted into two rooms situated within a cul de sac location in a popular development close to schools, shops and other recreational facilities. The property is well presented with a modern kitchen/breakfast room and versatile accommodation. Comprising:- Entrance hall, shower room, kitchen/breakfast

SOHAM £280,000



Situated in the heart of this popular Fenland town this substantial four bedroom detached family residence offers versatile and spacious accommodation. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, large living oom, dining room, kitchen, utility, four good bedrooms, master with en-suite, two garages and enclosed garden. For further information please contact the sole agents Your Move Lattimore Hall.

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Extended four bedroom 17th Century family home in Fordham.
Well situated in this popular village and boasting an array of period features, this property briefly comprises four reception rooms, kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms, two bathrooms, delightful private rear garden and off-road parking.

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Charming three bedroom property in the popular village of Fordham.
In excellent condition throughout, accommodation briefly comprises sitting room with open fireplace, dining room, modern kitchen, shower room, three bedrooms and bathroom. Externally it boasts an attractive enclosed rear garden with patio.

SUPERIOR APARTMENT £240,000

Centrally located two bedroom second floor apartment, Newmarket.
With the benefit of allocated off-road parking, a lift and communal gardens, this high specification apartment comprises entrance hall, large open plan kitchen/ sitting room, two well-proportioned bedrooms (master en-suite) and bathroom.

IMMACULATE BUNGALOW WITH ANNEX £389,950

Spacious home enjoying a private location in the village of Chedburgh.
Comprising large sitting room, dining room, cloakroom, bespoke modern kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms and family bathroom - it also boasts a fully self contained annex. Delightful gardens, ample off-road parking and garage.

THREE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME WITH POTENTIAL TO EXTEND IN 0.8 ACRES (STS) £520,000

Superb 1950's residence situated close to the desirable village of Whepstead boasting an array of attractive features.
Surrounded by parkland on two sides and farmland on the other, this ihandsome property has been the subject of extensive modernisation and offers further potential to extend. Briefly comprising entrance hall, drawing room with feature open fireplace, dining room with large bay window, fitted kitchen, breakfast area, utility room, larder, 'snug' with feature wood burning stove, cloakroom, spacious landing, three well-proportioned bedrooms, family bathroom and separate W/C. Externally, it boasts a mature private rear garden, ample off-road parking and equestrian facilities including seven stables, a paddock and horse-walker. Early viewing is essential.

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Stetchworth £399,500

This detached family property is set within a large enclosed garden backing onto paddocks. The property has been cleverly extended & is set over 2 levels & comprises of a sitting room, family/dining room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, large conservatory, 4 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms.

Newmarket

Enjoying a pleasant outlook this well presented and well proportioned flat is situated in a popular cul de sac location north of Newmarket town centre, and benefits from outside space and garage.

£115,000

Lidgate

Set in a delightful semi rural location, a 4/5 bedroom house with large garden with views over countryside. In brief, 2 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, garage & drive.

£384,000

Weston Green

A brand new individually designed 3/4 bedroom detached house offering excellent high quality accommodation set within this tranquil & picturesque village.

£345,000

Newmarket

Situated on a no through road, a short distance from the town centre. A 2 bedroom Victorian terrace with sitting room, dining room, kitchen, conservatory and 1st floor bathroom. An internal viewing would be advised.

£145,000

Newmarket £275,000

This modern detached family home is situated at the end of a popular cul de sac south of the town centre. The property offers spacious and versatile living accommodation presented to a high standard offering 3 bedrooms. Early viewing highly recommended.

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Burwell

This semi detached bungalow has been sympathetically refurbished throughout with modern a kitchen & bathroom suite. The property benefits from an enclosed rear garden, off road parking & garage.

£142,000

Burwell

A rare opportunity to purchase a 3 bedroom semi-detached house with excellent scope for modernisation and potential extension, located within this much sought after village. EARLY VIEWING

£199,950

Newmarket

£192,000

Conveniently located for access to amenities as well as transport links for Newmarket town centre, this well proportioned 2 bedroom detached bungalow is in need of some modernisation and offers superb potential.

Newmarket

£117,500

Situated on the ground floor, this maisonette provides spacious, light and airy living accommodation which also has the added benefit of sizable garden to the rear. Off road parking and an outside shed.

Newmarket

An attractively situated semi detached bungalow providing convenient, well presented living accommodation, low maintenance garden, garage and off road parking. NO CHAIN.

£169,950

Newmarket

An unusually spacious 2 bedroom Victorian cottage in need of some modernisation, and offering excellent potential.

£135,000

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Newmarket £149,999

A superbly refurbished & extended period cottage. Boasting modern open plan living, together with a loft conversion the property provides a real feel of space. Off street parking to the rear & garden.

Six Mile Bottom £125,000

Building plot with views across open fields. Planning permission for a 3 bedroom chalet style eco-friendly property.FOR DETAILED PLANS VIA THE SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL Ref no. s/1690/09/f

Newmarket £285,000

A well presented 4 bedroom family house. 3 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, 2 en-suites, garden, garage & drive.

Newmarket £279,950

A beautifully presented and refurbished 3 bedroom detached bungalow, benefiting from a stunning living room extension with vaulted ceiling to provide a real feel of space. Outside the property sits on an extremely good size plot providing a large rear garden with expansive views to the rear. INTERNAL INSPECTION ESSENTIAL!

Newmarket £132,000

This charming 2 bedroom freehold apartment is located in a much sought after area within just a short walk of the High Street.

Newmarket £199,995

A 4 bedroom semi detached house which benefits from a lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom & enclosed rear garden.

Newmarket £157,000

An extended 2 bedroom refurbished end of terrace house, with lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, en suite, front & rear garden.

Laceys Lane, Exning

A charming Victorian cottage providing attractive accommodation retaining period character & a large pretty garden.

Newmarket £89,000

A 1 bedroom modern ground floor flat with an open plan living room/kitchen & a double bedroom with an en suite shower room.

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Stetchworth £1,500

An outstanding 4 bedroom detached property set within this highly desirable village.

Newmarket £1,100

A FULLY FURNISHED luxury apartment with outstanding views over Warren Hill.

Newmrket £725

Situated on the popular south side of Newmarket a 3 storey 3 bedroom modern town house.

Newmarket £595

A detached 2 bedroom house. Kitchen, sitting room, sun room, bathroom & garage.

Lidgate £1,300

Set in a rural location south east of Newmarket, a detached 4/5 bedroom property.

Newmarket £425

A well proportioned and well presented 1 bedroom ground floor maisonette.

Newmarket £575 pcm

A 2 bedroom cottage with its on garden. Sitting room, dining room,

Newmarket £1,500

Positioned within striking distance of Newmarket town centre a 4/5 bedroom period house.

Weston Colville £550

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A very spacious 2 bedroom 1st floor apartment conveniently situated in an excellent location.

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On the market for £199,750

THIS property in Ditton Green, Newmarket, is on the market for £199,750.

Updated and improved in recent years, the property comes with an entrance hall, living room, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, three bedrooms and a refitted bathroom. A lovely landscaped garden can be found to the rear, plus a useful outbuilding which could provide a home office space.

A super home for a family, this property also has the benefit of no upward chain.

For more information or to arrange a viewing, contact Morris Armitage on (01638) 560221.

On the market for £165,000

ON the market for £165,000, this bungalow in Spurling Close, Cheveley has no upward chain.

Newly refurbished, the property provides beautifully presented accommodation including an entrance hall, living room, kitchen/dining room, utility room, conservatory, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

There are lawned gardens to the front and rear, plus driveway parking.

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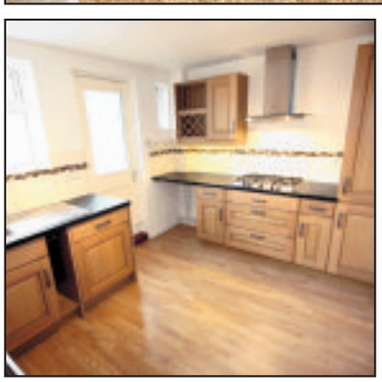

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SITUATED in Weston Way, Newmarket, this ground-floor flat would make an ideal first-time or investment buy.

Priced at just £89,000, the property is well-presented within to provide light and airy living accommodation.

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Six Mile Bottom £595,000

A deceptively substantial, extraordinary contemporary style residence designed, created and finished to a thoughtful and bespoke specification.

The interior extending to around 3500 sq.ft and including flexible 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom arranged over three floors and features quality extra's and noteworthy 'home of the future' attributes. The residence is located off the main road and is positoned ideally for commuters requiring access to the A11, M11 and Cambridge

Moulton £299,500

An extremely spacious, deceptive and well presented single storey residence with large rear garden, featuring a versatile annexe (linked to the main accommodation), and located within this desirable village.

Newmarket £129,995

An extremely impressive town centre apartment of the utmost style and quality located within this distinctive, select development positioned adjacent to playing fields. A contemporary style, with delightful balcony & allocated parking

Newmarket

£285,000

An ideal investment opportunity. Available as two lots: Lot 1 - Guide price of £165,000 (freehold) Comprising superb first floor flat and commercial premises below (with large basement area). Lot 2 - Guide price of £285,000 (freehold) Comprising Lot 1 PLUS adjoining, well presented Victorian terraced house (with permission for commercial use)

Newmarket £147,995

A modern, well presented and proportioned two bedroom single storey residence with enclosed private garden, delightfully located facing a small open green within this cul de sac to the north side of the town centre, just off Exning Road.

Newmarket £60,000

(40% Share of ownership) - A superbly appointed and surprisingly spacious contemporary style open-plan residence forming part of this attractive development located conveniently off Fordham Road

Isleham £250,000

A hugely extended and deceptively spacious 4/5 bedroom semi detached family home of the utmost versatility offering accommodation over 3 storeys and featuring open fields to both front and rear and a generous, mature rear garden.

Newmarket £155,000

A nicely presented ground floor apartment off Bury Road benefitting from beautiful communal grounds backing onto, and overlooking Newmarket s famous gallops. Residents private parking area, attractive communal gardens

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Cheveley Park £640pcm

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Falmouth St £650pcm

A delightful three bedroom Victorian property close to the town centre. Lounge, dining room, modern kitchen. Decked courtyard garden to rear

Soham £525pcm

A spacious single storey residence with pleasant rear garden, located within a cul de sac to the edge of the village. Available from 01/02/2012

Church Lane £595pcm

A ground floor two bedroom apartment very close to the High Street and featuring lounge, modern kitchen bathroom and allocated parking to rear. Unfurnished.

Park Lane £625pcm

A superb first floor apartment forming part of this attractive and exclusive conversion, featuring high specification accommodation, stunning finish throughout. Allocated parking space

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YOUR GUIDE TO MOVING HOME

1 **Moving home can be a complicated business and, in the hectic run to the big day, it is all too easy to forget something vital. The Property News offers their readers this handy checklist that should help avoid major pitfalls. We suggest you tick off the items as you deal with them...**

WITH FOUR WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ☐ Check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ☐ Make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move.
- ☐ Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ☐ Notify British Telecom and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone facilities at your new home.
- ☐ Arrange for change of address cards to be printed.

WITH TWO WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Confirm all arrangements, times etc, for meter readings, disconnections and reconnections, with authorities and with your buyer and seller.
- ☐ Make sure you have a good stock of packing materials, including sturdy boxes and plenty of string and sticky tape.
- ☐ Begin to throw out unwanted items from attics, wardrobes. What you really don't want you may as well dump now, or send to charity. It's a great time for a good sort out!

WITH ONE WEEK TO GO:

- ☐ Send off change of address cards.
- ☐ Arrange and pay for automatic redirection of your mail by the Post Office.
- ☐ Cancel and pay up accounts for routine delivery services such as milk, groceries, fuel and your Cambridge Evening News. Re-organise these deliveries for your new address.
- ☐ Defrost refrigerators in preparation for move and, if you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.

WITH ONE DAY TO GO:

- ☐ Complete your packing except for those items you are likely to need overnight, and prepare a picnic for moving day.
- ☐ Have a large enough cash 'float' available to deal with unexpected expenses, and make sure you have collected documents and valuables together in a safe place.
- ☐ Cover carpets which are being left behind, so as to minimise damage during furniture removal.
- ☐ Check through previous lists to make sure nothing has been overlooked, then enjoy a worry-free early night!

2 ON MOVING DAY:

- ☐ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ☐ Pack items for washing/toiletries.
- ☐ Take down curtains.
- ☐ Take up rugs, carpets, floor coverings, as required.
- ☐ Dismantle any light fittings etc., not included in the sale.
- ☐ Turn off electric appliances.
- ☐ Disconnect cooker.
- ☐ Turn off boiler/central heating.
- ☐ Turn off water.
- ☐ Read gas meter.
- ☐ Read electricity meter.
- ☐ Secure all windows.
- ☐ Lock all doors.
- ☐ Leave key as arranged with new owners.
- ☐ On arrival at your new home, unpack slowly and methodically so that you can check for loss or damage.

3 EXTRA HINTS FOR A SMOOTH MOVE...

WHO TO NOTIFY:

- ☐ Banks.
- ☐ Building Societies.
- ☐ Credit companies.
- ☐ Insurance companies.
- ☐ Gas, Electricity and Water Boards.
- ☐ Telephone company.
- ☐ Local Authority (Rating Department).
- ☐ Driving Licence authorities.
- ☐ Inland Revenue.
- ☐ Store cards and accounts.
- ☐ Other lease, hire or rental companies.
- ☐ Employer.
- ☐ Doctor.
- ☐ Dentist.
- ☐ Schools.
- ☐ Professional Bodies/Trade Unions.
- ☐ Motoring organisations.
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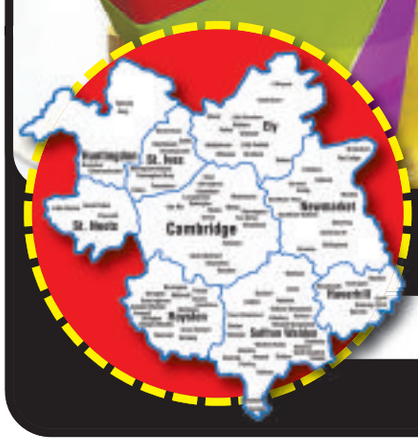

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BURWELL £475,000 NEW

Constructed in 2006, an impressive, well appointed and immaculately presented residence nestled in the corner of a select and award winning development of just 15 similar high standard properties with five bedrooms and two en-suites, ample parking and detached double garage.

BURWELL £280,000 NEW

A modern and detached four bedroom family home superbly tucked away in a private and most enviable position overlooking countryside and green space to side and rear with a private walled rear garden, predominantly south facing. Ideally located for all village amenities and local schools.

ISLEHAM £199,995 NEW

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A bumper year for car design

THIS year promises to be a bumper year for exciting new cars, *writes Matt Joy.*

Those with one eye on the environment will be pleased to see a slew of plug-in hybrids: the Vauxhall Ampera and Chevrolet Volt from GM, Volvo's V60 and just-announced XC60, as well as the world-first diesel hybrid in the shape of Peugeot 3008 RXH.

Renault's pure electric Fluence will also reach the UK, while Mazda's first Skyactiv car uses super-efficient internal combustion engines to take a different approach to solving the eco-problem.

Chevrolet: Camara Coupe is quite a stonker.

Enthusiasts will have plenty to celebrate too.

One of the performance bargains of the year will be the Chevrolet Camaro, a legendary car on home soil, but with a price tag just under £35,000 and strong V8 performance, it may tempt buyers away from more familiar brands.

At the other end of the scale, the Ferrari 458 Spider will undoubtedly be a scintillating experience, while Aston Martin's hand-built Zagato V12 will easily find 150 lucky owners in spite of the £330,000 price tag.

One of the nation's favourites will also appear in new form as BMW introduces the latest generation 3 Series.

Although still seen as a premium product, it finished 2011 in the top 10 best-sellers, and the firm's relentless drive for efficiency will see the most frugal versions offer an impressive blend of driving pleasure and low running costs.

The Renault Fluence: All-electric cars are developing into mature options.

With gloomy economic predictions for the coming months, fuel prices seem unlikely to rise again in the same way as last year, but with a host of models that promise excitement as well as frugality, 2012 could be the best year to seek out a new car.

BMW: New 3 Series is on the way.

Stylish: The all-new Peugeot 107.

New Peugeot 107 next month

A NEW Peugeot 107 is due in February, featuring a stylish 'new face', improved fuel economy, lower CO2 emissions, enhanced kit and an upgraded interior.

The 107's stylish appeal, along with its accomplished economical three-cylinder petrol engine, has helped Peugeot take a lead in low-CO2 urban motoring, and this is now strengthened further with emissions of just 99g/km of CO2.

The new restyled 107 is instantly recognisable by the changes to the car's front styling, with a deeper lower front panel with a housing for the front fog lights, LED daytime running lights and a redesigned front bumper.

As part of the restyle of the 107 range, there are three trim levels: Access, Active and Allure. Within these trim levels, features such as Peugeot Connect Bluetooth and USB and LED Daytime running lights are now available for the first time on the 107 range.

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Yaris TR 1.0 VVT-i Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 48.7 (5.8), Extra Urban 65.9 (4.3), Combined 58.9 (4.8). CO_2 Emissions 111g/km.

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>> Youth rugby

Newmarket get off to a flyer

Newmarket 31 Shelford 10
Under-14

NEWMARKET made a storming start to the new year with a deserved victory against their neighbours.
They got a toehold in the game as their forwards started to dominate and, after a series of probing runs to find their opponents' weaknesses, they were rewarded with the opening score when Ciaran Abrahams was driven over the line.
They maintained the pressure and added a further try before the interval, Owen Downing breaking through tackles to touch down with Max Mackrill converting.
Newmarket continued to dominate in the second half. Generally first to the loose ball, and with their forwards strong in the scrum and ruck, it seemed only a matter of time before they extended their lead, Harry Silvester breaking through to run in under the post for Mackrill to convert.
Shelford responded with an unconverted try, but this spurred Newmarket on again and, after good work from Ben Duhigg, Silvester added his second score, followed by another touchdown from Downing, which was converted by Mackrill.
Shelford scored a second try just before time, but it was not enough to derail their opponents.

>> Cycling

Rally after a golden day

MILDENHALL Cycling Club plan to give their annual rally an Olympic flavour later this year.
Victoria Pendleton will be among the favourites for gold at the London Olympics in the women's individual and team sprints, as well as the keirin.
And rally spokesman Mark Burchett said the club's event would be extra special if their most illustrious member topped the podium.
He said: "We're planning to celebrate the fact that the Olympics are being held in London, something that's very unlikely to be repeated within most of our lifetimes.
"We also hope by the rally we'll have another reason to be celebrating the Olympics.
"Victoria Pendleton is a strong contender for a gold medal and she was an active member of our club as she was growing up. In recognition of her international achievements, she was unanimously voted an honorary golden member in 2008."
The Mildenhall Cycling Rally will take place at Riverside Middle School from August 25 to 27.

>> Golf

Links duo's bid

CHAS Vincent and Roger Peck are still flying the flag for Newmarket in the Cambridgeshire Area Golf Union *Cambridge News* Trophy.
They are one of 32 pairs left in the second round phase, with the target of reaching the final at Bourn Golf Club on Saturday, March 24.
Second round draw (to be played on or before March 11): C Vincent & R Peck (Newmarket) v M Prince & N Richards (Thorpe Wood).
First round results: S Armitage & D Redman (Abbotsley) w/o against G Milligan & P Bloomfield (Newmarket), C Vincent & R Peck (Newmarket) bt R Taylor & M Armstrong (Old Nene) two up, I Duke & P Gibbie (Bourn) bt R Bonnett & A Durman (Newmarket) one up.

>> Cricket

Mills on fast track with Lions

Tymal Mills: Aiming to roar with the Lions

THE idea of Tymal Mills steaming in to bowl at the 2015 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand is not in the least far-fetched.
He has recently returned from a successful spell in South Africa as part of the England Performance Programme, and is in Bangladesh with the England Lions.
But the thought of Mills going into battle for England's first team does become more incredible when you consider he has been playing cricket for just five years.
And the 19-year-old left-arm paceman only took up the sport when a friend asked him to play for Tuddenham when they were a man short.
"The last 18 months have been a bit frantic, but I'm lucky being a left-arm fast bowler as there's a bit of a gap in the market," said Mills, who secured a two-year contract at Essex in September.
"That's helped me to get where I am now, and I'll keep working hard.
"It's a bit weird, so I've just been enjoying everything that's happened and giving it all I've got. I've never looked back.
"I've become part of the squad at Essex and everyone has been very accommodating. I've been given a two-year contract and I've got age on my side.
"I'm trying not to look too far ahead. I'm sure at some point things will calm down, but hopefully they won't. I'm taking every day as it comes and trying my best."
Mills' talent is currently being nurtured in the England Performance Programme, where coaches Graham Thorpe, Peter Such and Kevin Shine pass on their wisdom. This month's spell in South Africa allowed him to catch the eye still further, and the programme is geared towards getting players ready for their full international debut.
"We didn't do any bowling for the first week, it was just fitness and strength work on the track and in the gym," said Mills. "Then we were in the nets, and the England Under-19s were over there as well, so we did a lot of middle practice bowling at their batsmen, and had some squad games.
"Halfway through the Bangladesh tour they'll announce the squad for a tour of Sri Lanka. If I don't get selected for that then I'll head back to Essex and get ready to start the season.
"They try to make the tours as professional and as similar to the first team as possible, so that if you get a call-up you don't feel out of place and can perform just as well."
Mills swapped Tuddenham for Mildenhall when it came to club cricket at the age of 16, and, despite his busy schedule, still played his part for them in the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties Championship last season.
That schedule has meant the Leeds-born bowler deferring one year into a sports journalism degree at the University of East London.
But his lightning-fast climb up the cricket ladder means he is certain to be making the headlines in the coming years, rather than writing them.
"I've always been interested in journalism and I thought it was something I could do hand in hand with cricket, as it's not something in a totally different area," said Mills, who is planning to keep his eye in by writing a tour diary for a cric-ket magazine.
"But I want to play for England in all three formats. Within this group they've put a lot of emphasis on the next World Cup in 2015.
"They want to win that, and that's why they've selected such a young group for Bangladesh."

> "I'm lucky being a left-arm fast bowler as there's a bit of a gap in the market

>> Hockey

Town are on the Boyle in cup campaign

Newmarket 3 Rutland 1
Cambs Women's League, Premier Division Cup

A BRILLIANT penalty save from Jess Boyle at a crucial stage helped Newmarket continue their unbeaten run in the cup.
With the score delicately poised at 2-1, the young Rutland side thought they were on the brink of an equaliser when they were awarded a penalty flick after a goalbound shot was blocked by a Town player's foot.
However, Boyle guessed right and blocked the penalty flick, Newmarket making the most of their reprieve soon after when they moved swiftly upfield after a failed short-corner move to score the decisive third goal.
Earlier, both sides took their time to settle, with Town breaking the deadlock on 25 minutes when Hayley Stoneman fired in and the Premier Division leaders doubled their advantage when Di Thomas sneaked a ball inside the right post after a good central build-up from Jenny Richards.
Rutland, though, stepped up their game and pulled a goal back when a striker tucked the ball away following a surging run along the right.
Nerves jangled in the Town ranks, but fears were eased by Boyle's penalty save – which earned her the Player of the Match award – and the third goal scored by Beth Wombwell after a flowing move involving Zoe Bailey, Angel Fayers and Claire McDonnell.

Newmarket 1 Cambridge South 0
Men's friendly

TOWN know they are going to have to nail their penalty corners if they are to rack up the scores their overall play warrants.
Newmarket wasted half a dozen set plays – despite working on them earlier in the week – against a strong, organised South team from the division above, and had to thank keeper Chris Routs for some smart stops.
However, the game remained goalless until 15 minutes from time when Matt Holden rifled home to give leaders Newmarket a boost before they resume their East League campaign on Saturday against City of Peterborough VI.

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Mills steps up claims for England place

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» Rugby union

That's a Precious victory!

Newmarket 32 Sudbury 12
London League, Division 3NE

DUNCAN Precious pounced twice to give Newmarket only their second win of the season.

It proved to be the perfect start to the new year for Newmarket as scrum-half Jimmy Adams darted around the blind-side of a scrum to touch down, and Michael Reeves converted.

Newmarket lost a bit of composure and were under the cosh for 15 minutes, in which time Sudbury levelled. But the hosts regained the lead when Precious scored following a driving maul, and Reeves' extras made it 14-7 at half time.

After the break, a line-out won on halfway was mauled 50m before Robbie Holland touched down.

A catch and drive then resulted in Precious getting his second try for a 24-7 lead.

Sudbury replied with a backs move for an unconverted score, but after turning over a scrum beneath the posts, winger Phil McBride touched down. Reeves' late penalty completed the win and Newmarket team manager Gareth Godfrey said: "It's been a long time coming.

"I had a good feeling about it. We had our strongest side of the season out on the pitch – and it showed.

"Essentially, we just strangled the life out of them – their forwards couldn't compete with ours in the tight. We were very pleased and there was a really good performance from Lewis Smith, and he and Mark Cooper were stand-out in the front row.

"We said we had to win at some point, and we played well as they weren't in it. It's a good start to the year and fingers crossed that will tee us up.

"We need to take points off everybody, but we don't really fear anybody."

Masterclass: Newmarket coach Andy Baldwin was in attendance as ESPN rugby presenter and ex-England rugby star Pete Richards hosted a special seminar at the Northampton Saints ground. Northampton players Tom May and Andy Long, as well as coach Paul Grayson, helped to build the skills of grassroots coaches from around the region in an event organised ahead of the TV channel's live broadcast of Gloucester v Northampton next month. Pictured with Baldwin are Richards (left), Grayson, Saints' Matt Allen, and Long. CP

» Football

Chance for Jockeys to close league gap

A 2-2 DRAW between the teams either side of Newmarket Town in the basement of the Ridgeons League, Premier Division on Saturday has kept the relegation issue simmering.

The Jockeys were without a game and had to wait for the result from the match at cellar-dwellers Great Yarmouth, who hosted third from bottom Wivenhoe.

The draw keeps Newmarket seven points behind Wivenhoe – with Walsham le Willows also on 22 points after their 1-0 defeat by Ely – and eight above Yarmouth.

Newmarket travel to Brantham on Saturday and have the chance to make up ground on Wivenhoe, who are not due to play a league game.

Mildenhall Town 1 CRC 1
Ridgeons League, Premier Division

CHRISTIAN Appleford admitted CRC deserved a point from the game even though it came five minutes from time.

After a goalless first half Andrew Wood put Mildenhall in front on 65 minutes with a shot that went through the visiting keeper's legs.

But CRC struck the woodwork several times with home keeper Josh Pope also making two fine stops before Ryan Ingrey levelled five minutes from time.

Appleford, the Mildenhall boss, said: "It's disappointing because they equalised so late, but having said that, CRC were very good and they deserved to get that goal."

Mildenhall travel to Diss on Saturday before taking on Ely at Recreation Way in the quarter-final of the Cambs Invitation Cup.

Dan decks 'Hall

Mildenhall Tn 1 Haverhill Rov 3
Suffolk Premier Cup, quarter-final

MILDENHALL made their exit from the competition on Tuesday after Dan Cornwell scored a hat-trick.

Hall fell behind 10 minutes before the break and extended their lead just after the hour. A foul by Marcus Hunt resulted in a penalty for Mildenhall, and although Aaron Benstead saved the initial spot kick from Andrew Wood, he could do nothing about the rebound from Steve Holder.

Cornwell clinched victory for Rovers five minutes later.

Soham Tn Rgrs 3 Lakenheath 2
Cambs Invitation Cup, second round

DAN Cotton's second-half double helped Soham fight back to beat Lakenheath to move into the next round.

The Kershaw League visitors were two goals ahead at half time, but the hosts got back into the match thanks to Matt Robinson. Cotton equalised and then grabbed the winner from the penalty spot after a foul on Dubi Ogbonna.

» Racing

Frankel's on top of the world

Frankel: His rating puts him on a par with the great Sea The Stars

FRANKEL achieved a rating of 136 in the World Thoroughbred Rankings revealed in London on Tuesday.

Sir Henry Cecil's unbeaten colt had a spectacular 2011, recording a jaw-dropping six-length success in the QIPCO 2000 Guineas under Tom Queally. Further Group One glory came his way in the St James's Palace Stakes and Sussex Stakes, with his season ending as it began with a brilliant win in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on the inaugural British Champions Day.

His mark, deemed to have come when beating Canford Cliffs in the Sussex, puts him on a par with Sea The Stars, winner of the Guineas, Derby and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in 2009.

Australian sensation Black Caviar was given a figure of 132, with Dream Ahead (David Simcock), Excelebration (Marco Botti) and Nathaniel (John Gosden) all rated 126 and in the top 10.

■ Dandino is likely to resume his career on the Flat in May with the idea of trying the Group Two winner over hurdles this season looking to be put on hold.

Dandino was moved from James Given's stable to Nicky Henderson with a view to going hurdling but he has now been switched to James Fanshawe's yard at Newmarket.

"We did consider the option of running him over hurdles this winter. He went to Nicky Henderson and had some schooling there," said Matthew Budden, racing manager to owner-breeders, the Elite Racing Club. "We just thought with time getting on and the ground as it is Nicky wasn't too sure about his schooling, so we've put that on hold.

"He's now with James Fanshawe because we haven't completely dismissed the idea of him hurdling. He'll have that as part of his training now as he builds towards the next Flat season.

"It's still not 100 per cent sure he wouldn't go further than a mile and a half. I guess we'd start around that trip and we'll be considering things like the Jockey Club Stakes again at Newmarket (which he won last season), the Ormonde or if James was confident he could stay further, the Yorkshire Cup."

» Athletics

Women star at Ickworth

NEWMARKET Joggers featured among the leading teams at the Suffolk Cross-Country Championships at Ickworth Park, near Bury St Edmunds.

The women fielded a team of 10 – their biggest contingent – for the gruelling 6k course, and with four runners in the top 20, they finished third overall, a result which bodes well for the next Suffolk Cross-Country League fixture this month.

Ursula White was the best-placed of the seniors contingent, finishing fifth in 35min 17sec followed by newcomer Tessa Stone (37.55, 12th), Suzanne Rush (39.02, 18th) and Lisa Redman (39.27,19th) to give Joggers a solid foundation.

They were followed by Sue Stoten (43.48, 28th), Marjie Davis (43.51, 30th), Bee Chapman (44.23, 32nd), Mary Marsh (44.48, 34th) – who was also third in the Vet50 category – Belinda Schofield (45.05, 35th) and Gina Browse (47.55, 36th). The men, racing over a testing 12k, were fourth out of 15 teams, and were spearheaded by Jamie Shaw, who was eighth in 42.16. He was followed by Greg Davis (45.15, 20th) – he was also third male veteran – Martin Gear (46.56, 25th), Brian Munns (47.59, 33rd), Martin Taylor (49.03, 40th), Alex Cairns (49.25, 41st), Steve Edwards (50.45, 48th), Jason Beeton (51.00, 50th), Jim Beeton (52.03, 61st), Neville Clarke (52.35, 64th), Nic Chapman (55.32, 69th), Clive Purbrook (57.14, 77th) and Dave McLaughlin (60min, 86th).

The seniors' races were preceded by the junior events with Charlie Davis clocking 16.06 in the under-13 girls and Peter Elsdon-Dean 17th in the under-13 boys after finishing in 12.40.

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